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London, June 22, 1880
9 Peerage Gardens.

My dearest Mrs Hearst-

A letter received from my dear Mother yesterday, gave me an account of your long visit to her & she was so very happy when she wrote - It seemed to cheer her up so much to see you - I can imagine your long talk together over all that has transpired within the past year.

last sketches are considered good & that you really think I have improved - My dear Mother wrote me that it was one of the proudest moments of her life when she heard you say that you had some of my work framed & hung up on your walls - Truly this is a great comfort to me also, & I only trust I may yet be able to do something of which you may justly be proud. It is my greatest ambition to let you feel that all your kindness has not been wasted.

Aunt to having you near
me that is the most
comforting thing to feel
you near by poor
Brother - She has been very
ill I know - My sister
Lulu was so happy because
of the prospect of a music
scholar through your
great kindness - There never
was anyone so good in
this world & really believe -
You think of everybody in
trouble.

Mamma was so pleased
with Mrs Humphrey Moore -
How much you found to enjoy
her ~~delightful~~ society -
& was so favorabled with her
charming manners the
evening & met her in
Grand York.

I can imagine you in
S. F. receiving visitors
constantly - Many with
pleasure, but some who
are not particularly con-
genial to you - How does
the old place look after
Europe? - I would give a
great deal to be able to
be there for a little time, en-
tertaining as it does, so
many dear to me.
I cannot tell you how gratified
& surprised I am that my

no the letters of introduction.
the used two for Sanger, but
the one for a lady in Malaga
he could not make use of
being there only a few hours.
I mark one in one of your
letters if the Matthews are both
married — they are + I have seen
some of the family in the street
once or twice, but that is all +
have seen of them since you left.
I do hope you will be in Europe
the beginning of next year — it
would be such a comfort to have
you near me. Alfred is looking
splendidly — people think
Constantinople agrees with him — +
feel very proud + naturally take
all the credit to myself.
God bless you dearest friend. Give
my love to Mr Hearst + kiss when you
write him — I hope you have received
my letters. Several must have reached
New York after you left. With warmest love,
always your most devoted + grateful Connie

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My dear husband is
such a help to me, +
always gives me so much
encouragement — If there
are not too many chil-
dren in the way, there
is no reason why I
should not work steadily.
I don't want a large
family — do you think
me wrong to say so? —
If Alfred were very well
off I should not care,
but as it is, it would
be a great struggle to
provide for them well.
Two or three are the height of
our ambition — Or more —

I feel tolerably well, though not very bright; still I have reason to be thankful, for many are so much worse under the circumstances. I miss Alfred so much - he is very good about coming up to see me, but of course it is difficult to obtain leave too often. I shall go down to Aldershot for a few days before the training is over, but the weather has been so bad there is very little inducement.

Mamma speaks of your having sent two pictures to me, was she mistaken? For only one came - I prize it so much.

I hope my photographs will soon be ready to send home.

I wore my wedding dress to a party the other evening turned in the neck & undersleeves - it looked very pretty - Alfred's sisters give a reception this evening & I shall wear it again - My light silk I cannot wear now, being in slight mourning.

Will you thank Mrs Bowe for her kindness in sending

London, 9 Victoria Gardens.
July 5, 1880.

My dearest Mrs Hemist -

I am so glad to hear all about you Jemmie my dear Mother - Father, for it assures me that you are well and enjoying the society of your friends. In Jemmie's last letter she tells me you were soon to start for Tenerife so perhaps you are now enjoying that lovely

there in all my whole life before -
I certainly have seen a great deal of the world lately, but that it has done me good Alfred's militia training is over, and I am so thankful to have my dear husband with me again; I did miss him so much -
He is looking splendidly has such a brown look to his skin, which is much becoming to him - I say I shall make him sit out in the sun every day

scenery + I trust are put-
ting strong + able to
endure the fatigue
I can imagine how
very busy you must be
and how difficult it is
to find a moment in
which to write -
Papa told me that Mr
Hearst had gone away
again to attend to some
affairs - How annoying he
must be to all his
big boy - I suppose
Still is to spend his
summer vacations
with you in S. F.
I hear Mrs Hearst was
thinking of buying a
home in S. F. but this
may not prevent your
coming to Europe in
the course of the year -
I do so want to see you
It does seem years since
you left - So much has
happened within the
short space of a few
months, that I really
feel as if it must be
years -
How many strange places
+ people I have seen, since

But I came home so tired out, that was not much pleasure —

We leave here in about ten days & have decided to go to Dinant on the Meuse in Belgium — it is a pretty little town & we will remain there two months, & then go to Paris for the winter.

I hope to do some sketching if I feel well enough —

Alfred sends love & is going to write you in a few days — He is so very good to me — I am a lucky girl to have such a husband — Dora sends her love & says she hopes you can soon come to England. all the girls have been so kind to me. Will remember them, ever your most devoted & grateful Emmie —

5) for some time so as to retain this love of complaining —

I spent four delightful days at Aldershot with Alfred & sister Dora — We enjoyed seeing the regiments drill so much. Alfred looked very handsome in uniform & on horseback. He visited his tent which was one of the best, for as Major he is entitled to superior advantages, and had two servants to wait on him — Aldershot is a

lovely country and we
took several pleasant
drives - We came up
to London part of the
way on a real old Dickens
stage coach, with four
horses, the guard sitting
behind & blowing the
horn as we approached
each town - It was
delightful getting down
at a real old English
inn for lunch, & then
standing off again -
I never enjoyed anything
more -
All Alfred's friends have
been exceedingly kind
& attentive to me, & me
received more invitations
than we can ~~accept~~ accept
I am pulling always
so tired & miserable
now, that the least ex-
ertion is an effort and
I shall be glad to leave
London on that account -
Last evening we dined
at the Orleans club at
Richmond with some
friends - the grounds &
house are beautiful, it
was a very pretty sight
to see all the ladies
well dressed -

Paris, 5 Rue de Boulogne
July 21, 1885

My dearest Mrs Hearst -

Here we are once more in Paris though only for a day or two as we will spend the next two months at a small place in France about three hours journey from here -

We have had quite a long journey since I wrote you last, and there everything is very rough, but I think we can be comfortable and will work all day in the neighborhood -

We will remain here only a short time - then go back to Cannes to work -

It seems very pleasant to be in our own little apartment after such long wanderings and to feel quite anxious to get settled quietly in a nice apartment and be - in life regularly -

It is quite warm here, though not unpleasantly so, and Paris is quiet, for so many people are away

left London on the 15th
and Antwerp. There we
remained a day to see
the beautiful pictures by
Rubens & then went to
Brussels for a few hours.
We arrived at Dinant on
the river Meuse, intending
to remain there for the
Summer as Alfredo prefers
& And are living there -
But the country was not
at all what we wanted
for sketching, being encased
in by mountainous and
really nothing to be seen
at Dinant but the river
& two steep hills, one on each
side - So we soon left &
found our way slowly
towards Paris stopping
frequently on the stations
where we thought the scenery
was good - but you cannot
imagine how difficult
it was to find accommo-
dations and it was not
till we reached Rheims, on
the Marne, that we found
anything which would do at
all - Of course we want
to be right in the country
where we can have subjects
close at hand, and for
this purpose we are to
stop at a little country inn

I do so want to receive a letter from you; it is such a long long time since I had any- thing - can not send me only a postal with a few words? - that would be something but better though still enough - Alfred sends love, and wish a large share personally, believe me ever your most devoted & grateful Connie -

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I enjoyed our visit in London a great deal, though not quite as bright as I should have liked - What a magnificent city it is! truly it is a place for rich people, there are so many nice ways of spending money - Only the climate makes it disagreeable - I suppose though, if one expected to live there, they could become reconciled Alfred hopes to be one day settled in London, so I

must not say too much against it -
He went to some very elegant dinners and all Alfred's friends were very polite to me - and his relatives so kind -
I do hope by next year you can come to Europe
I know how busy you must be with all your many friends about you -
I know you will all my dear Mother as often as you can for it is a great pleasure to her - she wrote me a detailed account of your busy visit to her after your arrival in L. J.
Is Will with you now? how his father must enjoy seeing his big boy if he is at home -
Is Mr. Hearst still away or has he returned to L. J.? -
There is now no doubt about my prospects in a certain direction, and as this is the case, Alfred has a little request to make of you - he will write himself -

Essonnes
Chateau Thierry
France
Aug 1, 1880-

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

My last letter was written from Paris where we spent a few days in looking for apartments and finally found one very satisfactory - In Alfred's letter to you he speaks of it - My dearest friend need I tell you how warmly

Perhaps it is quite as well to have this change in our life at once - If we waited too long it might be more difficult to put up with the little derangements which a baby always brings into a household -

As it is we go to housekeeping with the idea of our coming and will therefore be prepared for it -

We have settled in the little village of Essonnes

I second my dear husband's wish that you will be God-Mother to our expected baby?- It will be such a pleasure & gratification to us both - If it is a girl, your name is to be perpetuated in our family; if a boy, Hearst will be part of his name.

I received a long letter from my dear Brother two days ago, and she tells me of your nice visit to her & that when you heard what was coming you said you wished to give the trousseau for our baby - I cannot tell you how much we both appreciate this kindness, but you know without any words of mine.

Does it not seem strange to you to think of your home having a baby? the bill feel for you to talk with you & compare us two years ago - I cannot realize it at all yet & I don't suppose I shall till it has really come -

How much has he grown since I saw him last: + has his muscle developed?—

I am feeling very much better since we have been in the country — in fact, am quite myself again —

I know how difficult it is to write, but even if you do not find time I hear of you through my dear Brother + know you are well + love me —

Alfred is so good to me. He is a friend of a husband — he sends love — + with a double portion from myself, I am as ever your most devoted + grateful Child —

My dear Brother seemed better when she last wrote

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and are really very comfortable — We have our meals by ourselves being the only boarders at the table now + the landlady is very kind + obliging —

The country is very pretty + there are lovely subjects for sketching —

We shall probably remain here till the last of September + then to go Paris to hear more of it

I trust you are feeling better and able to enjoy the society of your friends

I know how they must
be enjoying their visit
to you - Is Mr Morris
health better. Give her
my kindest regards -
Mamma wrote that
you had been to call
on my aunts with
Mrs Moore.
I suppose the windy
weather in S. F. is at
its height - I remember
how you used to think
of it with a sigh last
year, & picture to your-
self coming home
from a drive all
covered with dust -
I must say I should
not mind seeing
a little of dear old
Cal. dust myself -
Not that the dust
itself is particularly
to be desired or loved
but only that it covers
and veils some very
dear people to me -
How strange that I should
only have received one
of your photographs -
Fortunately the painted
one. I wonder where &
could make my mind
about the other? would
it be at the postoffice
in England or America?
I'll Will with you now!

Essonnes
Chateau Thierry
France -
Aug. 15, 1880.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I have been made very happy today by the arrival of your most welcome letter of July 24, it is such a pleasure to hear from you again and although I fully understood how much you were occupied, it did not make me any more

he would consider it less for me to have done if I had not been so grateful in getting a good husband at the same time I pursued art. I think Mr Hearst was right - It may be more difficult to study after I have a home & perhaps a baby to look after, but still it can be done & I mean to try & do it -

My dear husband has taken such a nice apartment where I shall have a good room to use as

reconciled to do without
your dear letters - I do
trust you can just come
now that most of your
visits are paid, truly
it was a great under-
taking - I do hope your
health will be better and
that you will be able
to come to Europe before
very long + enjoy yourself
Tell Will I am quite
pleased to hear he has
two little whiskers, but
tell him not to shave
two soon, make them
whiff - What a funny
boy he is! - how glad you
must be to have him
with you! - I hope he
will get quite strong
before going back to
school, for it must be
hard work - I am sure
Will will come on well
if his health enables him
to go through with his
course of study -
I was indeed gratified
to hear from dear Mamma's
letters that Dr Hearst was
pleased with my work -
it was a great deal for
him to say, but I know
he always was so much
in favor of matrimony, that

hope in the future, it would be a great satisfaction if Alfred & Jessie could dispose of any of my work, no matter for how little - for a sketch of real estate being much depressed - Alfred wants to know if there is any way of investing a little money in mortgages or real estate, as it is so much better in America than here - I don't want you to tax yourself by writing to me & don't try to write very long letters for I know how difficult it is - Emie best love to Will - I hope to see you before very long - Alfred sends his love, & with a double share from myself, believe me as ever

Your most devoted & affectionate

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a studio and I feel that under these circumstances I must be a very bad manager indeed not to be able to do something - We are very comfortably settled in this quiet little village and enjoy it very much - I find it too fatiguing to sketch out of doors all day, so I divide the time before 11.30 breakfast to good solid reading, finishing a book - & go out afterwards

with Alfred for a long afternoon's sketching, do in this way & manage to accomplish something without exhausting myself. which I know is bad-

You are too kind to have sent me the money to pay the express on your photographs I was so glad to have it that the expressage was a very small affair in comparison to the pleasure- I think I wrote you that only the parcel one had come. $5.00 is more than ample, for the express was about Fifteen shillings-

I hope you will like my photographs in my wedding dress- Alfred's photographs in his uniform have come, and we will send one for you- with those for Mamma-

I feel that my poor Brother is indeed frail and am very anxious about her, but as you say she never will take any care of herself, & I know how difficult it is to do so under existing circumstances - but things may improve - I shall try to do something to send

Essomes
Chateau Thierry
Sept. 2, 1880-

My dearest Mrs Hearst-

It is
more than a week since
I wrote you last and I
must give you a little
account of the visit we
paid to Paris - Aug. 28th
returning here the 30th -
Alfred wanted to see
some good pictures to get
some ideas for our work
as we went to Paris for
two days + enjoyed it a

her father's disease - Mrs. L.
asked many questions about
you -
We are working very hard
+ I hope to get some satisfac-
tory result from our sketching
trip down here - Alfred is
improving a great deal -
He sometimes gets discouraged
+ feels like giving it up - but
I do all I can to make
him feel encouraged. for
it is such a great pleasure
having the same pursuits
and there is nothing else
he could do which would
draw us so much together

great deal - The spare part of each day at the Louvre & Luxembourg studying those works which would help us in our sketching. Paris was quite empty, but much pleasanter on that account - I always feel as if there were too many people there - every place is so crowded -

We called on Mme. Lenglé as I had not seen her since my marriage - She was not at home, but came the next day to see me - She looks very well - says she has a nice apartment - No 18 rue de Bonnault - and is engaged in something connected with a pattern establishment - I suppose it was necessary for her to do something -

Jeanne is well with the exception of suffering with a kind of rheumatism in her hands & arms - She had it before the fever for some time - Mme. Lenglé attributes it to that, but I should be inclined to fear the poor child had inherited

have the real thing-
No doubt Mrs Hewett is
at home by this time -
Can you not get him to
Europe? - I know it would
be rather difficult with
all his large schemes still
in completed - However, stranger
things have happened -
Give love to Will, tell him
to practise well - Does he still
like to sing his funny songs
or has a more classical taste
appeared? -
Alfred sends love - & with the
hope of soon hearing from you
I am as ever Your most devoted
Sincere Connie -
I am sorry to hear they do not like my photos at home Etc

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or be so congenial to his
tastes - I shall enjoy my
dear little studio so much -
We will have a charming
little apartment - so sunny
& well situated - & just
very anxious to get settled
What a new experience
it will be for me - I
do hope you can come to
Europe before very long -
In my last letter from
home they speak of Jane
not being very well - I fear
it is the same trouble
for which you stood in need
of treatment -

I hear that Lulu is to join Will music lessons- How funny it does seem to think of her teaching a little pupil like Will- You have made my sister Jul so happy & encouraged by helping her in this way & I do appreciate it so much-

My sister Clara seems to be quite a funny lady & speaks of going out a good deal- She is very fond of society-

I trust if either of the girls marry they will be happy-

My health is very good indeed- I am able to work constantly now and take regular exercise as I know that is very important-

Alfred is so good & attentive now days- like if possible than ever- in fact I am surprised to find how little difference marriage has made in the way we feel- it all seems quite as romantic now as before- I suppose this is because we

Escornes
Sept. 16, 1880 -

My dearest Mrs Hearst -

Here we are still, but only for a few days longer as the weather is beginning to be very unsettled - Severe wind & rain storms & very cold in temperature - We have not been able to work out of doors for several days, and and I am so afraid he will catch cold with such a sudden change in temperature -

I was very glad to receive Mr Hearst's splendid photograph a few days ago & thank you so much for it - I think the likeness a very good one - Perhaps by this time you are alone again, as I think you told one your friends would leave Cal. some time in September -

of course as this is
our principal object
in remaining here
I think we shall
go to Paris on the 24th
or 25th & begin moving
as soon as possible.
It feels so like Autumn;
the swallows are beginning
to collect in great num-
bers & seem to have
selected the county hall
as the fittest place to
hold their meetings
previous to a general
departure for warmer
climes - It is so curious
to watch them assemble
by hundreds & after an
hours or two's consultation,
fly off -
I have been working
in the house at
"Nature Morte" -
Alfred finds a few
animals to do, but
the stables here are
such miserable little
affairs, he cannot work
very well under cover

would not have come to
me - I hope my dear
Brother is feeling stronger
she seems to be a little
more cheerful I think -
I hope Bro Henri is quite
well again - give him
my kindest regards -
Alfred sends his love -
Address me at 6 Boulevard
de Courcelles - Paris -
and now with best
love to Will + yourself
believe me my dearest
friend, always your
most devoted + grateful
Emmie -

Is Will to remain
in B. F. during the
Winter or will he
enter school again
before that time? -
I hope your own health
is better - try not to
exert yourself too much
or give out too much
valuable strength when
it may not always
be appreciated - Time is
too precious to waste -
Do you find San Francisco

improves at all by
familiar intercourse
or is it still a trial
to you?- Of course it
must be a great
pleasure to see so
many good friends
again + I know how
happy they are to keep
you among them for
a time -
So your friend Miss
Dr. Grender that was
happily married.?-

What news do you have
of Miss Libby Barnet.?-
are her literary efforts
crowned with any
success?- How very
difficult it is for
poor women alone to
get on in the world
even the most talented
among them!-
What a fortunate girl
I am to have so
bright a future before
me!- But for pity's

Paris, Oct. 7, 1880.
6 Boulevard de Courcelles.
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My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I have
been rather remiss lately
in my letter writing, and
find it is two weeks
since my last to
you was written.
You can understand
however, how much I
have had to occupy
my time lately; what
with moving, getting

to my dear Mother, so
I will not repeat here.
I trust you are feeling
better - in Mamma's
last letter she speaks
of your going into
your house - this is all
she said as I don't
know if you have
bought a house or if
it is merely a rented
house - I have reason
to believe that some
of my letters from home
have been
lost - I trust yours

settled in our own home and the usual position of housekeeper & have indeed been busy - Really everything is accomplished now, and our little apartment is ~~already~~ pretty & home-like - I feel very pleased to be the mistress of such an establishment and it seems ~~so~~ queer to have a little friend home calling me "Madame" -

as Just it was quite absurd at first and I felt rather out of place, but Alfred said; "Screw up your ~~courage~~ & have confidence and all will come right - So far things have gone smoothly - Alfred thinks I will make a good housekeeper - But time will show - No doubt you will hear my letter giving a description of our home

6 Boulevard de Courcelles
Paris, Oct. 23, 1880-

My dearest Mrs Hearst-

I have just received Phoebe's letter enclosing your check to me for $100- How very kind it is of you to send it to me- She feel appreciate your thoughtful attention so much- It comes most a propos just at this time, when we have been obliged to get so much for our new home- I trust if our baby is a girl she will be a very good much baby & worthy of her dear God-mother.

Mrs. Elkins comes home to breakfast- I miss him so much & have to keep very busy to prevent myself from felling very lonely.

My little studio is so pleasant & I shall spend most of my time there-

I suppose Will is studying at home- is he still growing?- My dear Mother seems more cheerful now- She talks so much of you in her letters- I am so glad Papa has something to do, small as it is- Alfred sends love & sincere thanks- I do hope to hear from you soon- Will kindest regards to Mr Hearst. I am as ever Your most devoted & grateful

Connie-

It does seem hard for me to realize that in three short months such a great change will come to our quiet little home- A baby always makes such a difference, especially the first one-

Just as soon as dear Mamma's little box containing the patterns arrives, I shall see about having my things commenced & hear from home such a beautiful home - how I should like to be able to see all your pretty things arranged there! -

Do try, take care of yourself as far as possible - but I know how utterly impossible it is for you to rest with so many constantly about you- I fear you are not as strong as you should be- But your energy always surprises [illegible] in physical strength & you generally manage to do more than most well women- We are now quite settled & home life commenced regular work- Alfred is away from me all day, except for an hour at noon when he

Paris, Oct. 31, 1880.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I wrote
you last week thanking
you for your kindness in
sending the check for the
baby trousseau - and expected
the little samples that
dear Mamma was to send.
I received a letter from her
yesterday, however, saying
she found it impossible to send the
things by post unless she
left the pencil open & was
afraid to do this -

Mrs. Elias

We are both hard at work -
I have finished one still
life piece & a study of
birds both of which will
be sent with the others -
It is so delightful having
my little studio at home
for I can attend to all
household duties & yet
work at least six hours
a day -
I do hope your health is
better -
Alfred joins me in love &
with kindest regards to Mr
Hearst, believe me as ever
Your most devoted & grateful
Connie -

She seemed so disappointed not to be able to send the things for me to have others made by & I am very sorry too - However, I will look about & see what styles they have here - Babies in France are usually all rolled up in flannel like little mummies & are simply Indians - You know how much prettier English & American babies are - with their long white dresses. Isn't it funny to hear nothing but "baby" in my letters now? - Scarcely more than a year ago Art was the all absorbing object - Well I suppose it is our duty to help people the world -

I hear of your big boy from Mamma & of the two last absorbing topics dancing & dogs, of which little animal he has mine - Stamps & coins have had their day & so on till here many years perhaps a nice wife will take the place of all these things -

Paris, Jan. 23, 1880

My dearest Mrs Hearst

I have been trying to write you for several days past, & find the time slipping by without my having done so — This is thanksgiving day & a fit opportunity for me to tell you once again how grateful I am to you for all — as I look about me at my beautiful little home & all the happiness

recommended to me — & Jerrold Stadtler Bisland would be too dear for me. Of course it will not be very long before I am interrupted for a time, but two months help one, & I work hard at the exercises — it is such an advantage to speak French well. The weather is quite wintry, though not yet extremely cold. I am not ordering too many things yet till I see what that precious box contains which you & my dear Mother are arranging. I wait for it with impatience. Alfred is well & sends love — We are going to dine tomorrow at Mme Lubbock's — she asked very kindly after you the other day. You remember you called the day before your departure & I am my dearest friend with much love & am as ever your most devoted & grateful

Emma

I have here, I feel I cannot
be sufficiently thankful
to the dear generous heart
thought whose goodness &
care to find all this.
Your last token of affection
in the form of a baby
trousseau is so much
appreciated by us both, and
I only wish you could
be here to see it put into
use - then soon it will
be so! perhaps a little less
than two months from today
there will be a little stranger
in our home - I know how
much you will think of me
at that time - I trust your
own health is better now &
that you are not overdoing
your strength. I hear of you
constantly from my home
letters - It must be a
great comfort to you to have
Still with you this Winter
I hope he is nothing hard
or nothing for Progress
in his studies -
We are both very busy -
get up quite early and
do as much planning
as the short days will allow.
I have also commenced
French lessons with a very
nice little teacher Mrs Hamsay

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Paris, Jan 16, 1881.

My dearest Mrs Hearst-

I have been trying to write you for several days but have not felt very bright & find myself neglecting many social duties, owing among the number-

In a week from this time I can begin to expect the baby, at least it is due then, so you can understand I dont feel quite as lively as I might- Even now it is hard to realize this new experience so soon coming and I dont suppose I shall do so

meeting there at I trust no very distant time-

My dear husband is as devoted to me as possible and looks forward with pleasure to the arrival of the little stranger- I hope it will be a success & prove a nice baby-

My dearest friend I need not tell you how often I think of you & of your fondness to me & mine- Poor Jeanne Lengelle has again been very ill will never just like last year Georges has had the measles, but they are both getting better now- I told you they had moved to 118 Rue Boursault

Now my dear Mrs Hearst with the sincere hope that you are feeling better and able to enjoy a great deal, and with best love from us both, believe me as ever

Your most devoted & grateful

Emmie-

73 rue

fully until the baby has arrived. I am sorry there has been a delay about my box of pretty things for it will probably not arrive till some time after the baby. However I can provide temporarily for the little shirts & socks. Everything else I have ready. The weather is intensely cold now. everything frozen hard. We have many bright sunny days, however, and it is fine weather for taking exercise.

I am feeling so anxious to learn something later in regard to my parents' plans, and hope soon to hear of their all starting together for Europe. I hope & believe it will be a happy change for them. I am quite sure it is the only chance for my dear Mother to regain her health & be relieved from her very hard life. I think it very good of Aunt Lilian to wish to do so much for their good & I trust all will go smoothly & pleasantly when they live together.

If it will not be possible for me to see them all on their arrival in Europe owing to the great extra expense of coming over to Paris before going on to London, I shall still feel very thankful to think of them so much nearer & in comfort & will look forward to

painting by me. trying to find it himself -
The weather has been fresh lately - baby has had fresh air - he is going to be very dark like his father & has deep blue eyes.
People tell me he is very pretty, but they may only flatter however. I think he is -
Papa left Southampton yesterday for Leiston. he spent a few days in London with the Cochis & this gave him an opportunity of meeting Alfredo family -

[Incomplete] Paris, March 25, 1881

My dearest Mrs Hearst -
I have not written for some days and although my time has been as much occupied as to prevent me from doing so. I have thought much about you all in California & of what you are doing for my sisters - They must be having a charming time & no doubt will be sorry when the time comes for them to leave you

I have heard nothing of Grannie's plans in regard to the time of starting - hope soon to have a letter telling me when to expect them here.

It will be such a pleasure to have them with me for a time - I shall be so proud to show my own husband - baby - & sweet little home -

I wish you could see how the little fellow is growing & improving every day - he is getting so fat -

his little arms & fists look exactly like those of the dumber babies they make. Alfred says he has no wrists - very little in the way of fingers - which is quite true. I never knew a baby could be so little trouble - he sleeps all night long - I hardly ever lose a minutes rest with him & the only trouble is I sleep too soundly & when I take him into bed to nurse him, I drop off to sleep sometimes for several hours & only wake to find baby ready for another meal, and

Bank
Lyndhurst
Hampshire
England
May 20, 1881

My dearest Mrs Leeret

I must write you a few lines to tell you how we made the journey from Paris, for if I do not now, it may be some days before I find time to do so as tomorrow the steamer is due which brings my dear Mother & sisters, to Europe - & you can imagine my great anxiety will have not me earthly thing to do except to feed & nurse my baby -

& how deeply I should love to have you where I could make you rest - where you would not even have to look at anything if you didn't feel like it - Can't you come over before the summer is past? I am sure you need a change -

& excitement as the time draws near
& I can scarcely wait to see them
Alfred has gone up to London & will
meet Mamma there & expect her
down here to remain some time with
us before sailing for Leicton -
& Emmie all your great, great kindness
to my dear ones - I pray God may
hope direct & prosper their journey
pleasanter & easier - Words are quite
inadequate to express my gratitude to
you for all this - It seems all like
a dream their coming - But a short
time ago & thought of his my dear
Mother with her life full of sorrow &
care - Now it seems removed & there is
just the future for her - I shall try to
keep her quite cheerful as long as possible
in this lonely little place where she

Mrs Elias
1881

for Alfred seems to feel
that he would rather
live comfortably in the
country than in a very
small way in London, &
perhaps he is right.
I hope Still is doing well
& will enter college – do
try & let me know sometimes
how you are – only a postal
card will be necessary
Take good care of yourself –
My darling baby is growing
sweeter every day – I shall
soon send you his photograph
Accept the most sincere
love of your always devoted
& grateful Connie

Now let me tell you
about the lovely little
place we are staying
at. It is right in the
middle of the "Sun" best
farming & hunting country
of William the Conqueror's
time, which we are
told he laid waste many
towns & villages, but on this
part of Leicester hastened
depopulation – In either case it
is a grand old forest now
to walk in & perfection of air

Springy foliage. We have lodgings in a little one storied cottage commanding a most lovely view & with a pleasant sitting room opening on to the little Garden filled with forget-me-nots and other flowers while a clematis vine actually frames the window of my bedroom and the lovely clusters of white blossom and perfume kiss the cheek of the baby asleep in his cradle

It is really a most perfect specimen of English country life and I am thankful that we have taken two pleasant bedrooms in a cottage over the fire Mamma & the girls and they will have their meals with us

It should not be at all expensive & in the course of a year or two we expect to have an Englishman to look after the Garden

him happy.
I am sorry to tell you that our dear baby has been very ill for the last ten days with a severe attack of bronchitis, which has been greatly aggravated by the fact of his cutting four teeth at once.
We have indeed had an anxious time & I have felt much fatigued from the care & watching. I am glad to say the little darling is now much better & begins to be like his merry self once more, although still confined strictly to his own room which must be kept of an even temperature night & day.

6 Boulevard de Courcelles
Paris, Jan 16 1882.

My dearest Mrs Hearst
I cannot tell you how delighted I was to receive your long, charming letter; it was so pleasant to have so much written with your own hand.
Of course I had heard nothings of your plans & occupations since your departure from California.
You must be greatly enjoying your winter in New York & no doubt will make many

new & pleasant acquaintances while there. I am glad that Will is doing so well in his studies & that he has shown himself the possessor of a good voice.

What a great big fellow he must be by this time. I hope he will pay a visit to Europe before very long, so that I can see him before he grows quite out of recollection, which will no doubt occur when the moustache comes. I hope Mr Hearst will carry out his intention of joining you in New York. I am sure the change would do him good.

What a pleasant trip across the continent you must have had! Well do I remember my own enjoyment of every hour during our trip, three years ago, when I was coming to such at least fame on this side of the water. Little did I think then that a husband awaited me - and such a good husband as he is too. I don't think many men know so well how to make a woman happy, or are so thoughtful in the little things of life, which, after all make up the sum of our existence.

I only trust I may always be able to do my part well & make

I believe now that all my trouble might have been saved had I received good medical treatment sooner - but I could not believe there was anything wrong & only had help after we came back to Paris three months ago.

You say nothing about your health, so I hope you are much stronger - Let me urge you also to take good care of yourself and try to be much better before you come to Europe.

What a disgrace the way that wretched little Mabie has behaved to you! - the only excuse I know for her is that

two of the new teeth are out & the others soon will be, so I hope after that baby will get quite well again.

This is his first real illness & You can imagine how uneasy we have been; especially as his chest was the seat of trouble & there is an immense amount of illness of this kind now in Paris among children.

The weather is miserably damp & foggy, although not very cold for the season. We have had no snow as yet & up to a few weeks ago many days were beautifully clear & bright quite like spring weather. In London the weather is also

remarkably warm. Winter clothing very unbearable & the People obliged to have the windows open to admit fresh air.

How seasons differ in certain localities! In Algeria the cold has been something dreadful. many camels as well as men having perished -

As soon as I could find time after getting home, I called on Mlle Birard & delivered your photographs. She was not at home however, but came to see me not long ago.

She seems very busy and I thought Father tired of having to work so hard.

He spoke a great deal of you & your ears must have burned.

I wish I had more time to study & I would try & take lessons from her. But really I fear to undertake too much. I am a great deal better & almost entirely relieved of my trouble but have not as much strength as I might & must be patient & wait for that a little longer - I appreciate gently all your good advice & assure you I am very careful. Ill-health is indeed a dreadful calamity and I know one cannot take too many precautions about recovering from any derangement -

with such startling rapidity
+ pours out of his pockets in the
same proportion, that I find all
my spare cash brought into use
It is astonishing how many things
a little fellow like that requires.
Never mind, I have great hopes
of my painting. You are to find
it try + find some one willing
to purchase (my work - Please don't
worry yourself about it however -
I know how much you have to
do

Miss Brown that was, now Mrs
Hovenden is living in New York
with her husband + I hear
he is having immense
success - You may have heard
of him - Mrs H. is also very
sick is French - After all your
goodness to her too. I only
hope she will be made to
suffer well for by people
who will treat her as she
deserves. Have you found
some one who is satisfactory
to fill her place -

I have not seen Mrs. L -
+ it is much better so - After
all that has happened I of
course can do nothing but
mistrust + dislike her + the
more I think of her duplicity
the more I feel it is better
to cease all intercourse with
her. I can hardly imagine her
daring to ask you for more
money -

How very, very good you are to hope I be so kind to my sisters'. I will not mention anything to them of what you tell me, so that you will let them know only what you wish in your own good time. I am glad to hear they are going out a little & seem to have made some pleasant kind friends in Lisbon. You know as well as I do that it is not what people give but the way they give that makes others happy, and my parents & sisters went to Portugal with an extravagant idea as to what they were to receive. They certainly expected more kindness & less hard words & manners.

I really believe my aunt has a very kind heart & tries as well & she knows how to do all she can, but she cannot change her nature or manner & minds when perhaps she hardly means it.

Clara is taking amusing lessons & seems to enjoy them greatly. I told Mamma supplied with "stamp money" so that she can write just as many letters as she chooses. You know if I had the money, they would very soon be happy. I should so much enjoy making up boxes of pretty dresses & other things to send to the girls, but unfortunately means cut his flannels

I hope the letter I wrote you
for Christmas arrived safely - I
wrote in time for it to reach
you by the 25th of December -
Oh! how ago we spent the evening
with some friends + with a Mrs
Christmas from New Orleans, who has
been in California - Did you know
her?

It is very late + I must say
good night - You cannot think how
very often you are in my thoughts.
I do so enjoy hearing from you -
I have written sixteen pages + never
thanked you for the lovely cloth mark you
sent - It has a sacred place in my bible -
Alfred sends much love - lots many
kisses -
Give my love to Will + accept untold
amounts for yourself from Your ever
most devoted + grateful
Minnie

well, not only artistically, but
otherwise, for a little stranger
is expected next month -
I have not received a line
from her since her marriage,
as don't know her address -
Alfred + I have just
called on Mrs Shea. Shillaber
who is to be in Paris for the next
few months + has taken a
furnished apartment near us -
Mrs Elisha Cook is also here +
called on us with Mrs Shillaber
a few days ago - The latter seems
a very charming lady + I hope
to meet her again -

We are making many pleasant
friends among the American
artists here - Mr + Mrs T. A. Bridgman

are exceedingly polite & we see a good deal of them.
Mr Bridgman is a New York artist & at the head of American painters here at least in Eastern & Egyptian subjects.
They are charming people & we spend many pleasant evenings there. We went dine with them often nights ago, but Mrs's illness prevented us since.
This artistic society is very delightful & I enjoy it greatly
We have another friend, Mr Brooks who is rapidly becoming famous also in Eastern subjects. His wife is a very pleasant little woman, although very much of a "Yankee" being from New Hampshire.

They have spent much time in Cairo & other parts of Egypt & expect to return there next winter & want us to go also.
We have not decided at all what to do. are looking for an apartment with a studio which we very much need - but it is almost impossible to find what we require in a nice part of Paris.
We shall in all probability spend the Summer in England & how very happy I shall be if you can carry out your intention of coming to Europe in May. Would that you here before he enters college in the Autumn.

[1882]

Lisbon, Apr. 28th
No. 50 Rua do Sacramento
to á Lapa

My dear Mrs. Hearst:

I wish you could have seen how your letter inspired hope, courage and happiness into our hearts; poor Mamma's especially
Could you have, I am sure you would feel more repaid for your goodness, than by anything I can say. How can I thank you, what shall I say?
Words are so inadequate to express my feelings, or perhaps the fault is in my management of them, still I only know that I sit here feeling almost power-less to tell you what I feel.
That I love you with my whole

eart and feel dreadfully disap-
pointed that we shall not see
you, I am sure you know; but
we must live in hopes that
before very long, you may
again be able to come to Eu-
rope, and that you may then
be able to pay us a visit.
It was just one day year last
Wednesday since we left home,
we all felt home-sick I am
sure, but not one of us admit-
ed it, and this trying in
each one of us to keep the
spirits of the others up, helped
to keep up our own.
So many times during the
day, I stopped and counted
the hours back, to find out
what at that particular time
we had all been about.
At one time, I happened to

St. Valery-en-Caux.
Seine Inferieure
June 24, 1877.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

I was so glad to get your letter written on the steamer, & posted in New York, for I was know of your safe arrival after your sea journey.

I am sorry the weather was so gloomy, for it is so much pleasanter to be able to spend much time on deck.

But you had plenty of occupation, & no doubt the days passed rapidly.

Perhaps you did not find the

have had taking care of him. How delighted he must be to have his dear Mother with him again I can understand.

Did your find Mr Hearst still away according to your expectation, or has he returned?

I can fancy you now as very busy between your household duties, getting all your rooms arranged & numberless visitors. Only try & keep yourself well & not go quite beyond your strength.

weather quite as warm in
New York. You feared, for
the cold season seems to
have been almost universal,
& a letter received from a
friend in Philadelphia a few
days ago, spoke of very unusual
weather for the season.
You must now be at home
& I trust feel so in your
own beautiful house. I think
with a few alterations which
no doubt you will have
made, that you will soon
create an atmosphere quite
your own, & perhaps obliterate
entirely the first feelings of
dissatisfaction which you felt
on hearing of the purchase.
It will be a comfort after
all to have some place to
put all your pretty things, &
not have to store & scatter
them each time you go away.
I hope you found Will
quite recovered from his
temporary illness. I can just
fancy that big boy in bed
with the chicken-pox. What a
funny time your friends must

Holland ship left the harbour.
But for some private reason,
the admiral delayed the departure
till night, so the girls lost their
opportunity of using the signals.
Clara said this part of the
performance made her drink
very happy.

She gave me an amusing account
of her summer wardrobe. How
they had been buying some such
light things, making old ones do
where possible. One of her old
black hats she made new by
several coats of shoe polish &
then trimmed it.

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I am grieved to tell you of
my poor Mothers great suffering
for the last month with
three dreadful boils on her
head. Nothing could be more
painful & the girls work on
she is undoubtedly worn & thin
from the suffering & want of
sleep.

I only trust no more may
come & that the change to
Buxton will do her good.
All my family expected to go
to Monserrate last Thursday
for a time to visit the Cookes
I hope nothing

has occurred to delay their visit, as the change will do them all good.

Your long letter written on the steamer will do my mother more good I think than even the salubrious climate of Cintra. It is more medicine for the mind than the body that she requires.

I write her constantly, giving every little detail of our quiet country life which I think will interest her.

Lulu & Clara have been enjoying the society of some Naval officers who were in the Tagus with their squadron for some days. They found it very refreshing to meet Americans once more, especially as they were among the party who went East with the girls from San Francisco last year.

The young men taught the girls the signals much to Aunt Susan's disapproval who thought it highly improper, in order that they might wave a fond farewell as the

to retain his rank of Major + wear his uniform, I don't see that he would gain very much by remaining.

Baby is well + happy, he has cut two double teeth since we have been here, without the least trouble - has now ten teeth. He is delighted with everything + seems to be six months older than when we were in Paris.

Not long ago I received an application from Cassells "Magazine of Art," a London publication, to reproduce my Salon picture in the magazine. I replied that if it could be

I hope they will enjoy life to some extent this summer + next winter if one of the girls cares about coming to us in Paris. I will do what I can to make it pleasant in our little artistic circle.

We are hard at work. Alfred is doing some good studies of donkeys, cows + horses, also landscape. I am devoting myself to the latter branch + to an old interior with a woman working at a loom on rainy days.

Although we have had a good deal of unpleasant weather, I

think from all I hear, that we have been much more fortunate in this respect than most people.

St Valery is charming - & very much enjoy the country. There are few people here - yet we have it all to ourselves.

Alfred's Uncle & Aunt whom you met, their daughter are coming here, for August & September & this will be very pleasant. Julia will spend a few weeks with us, so there will be quite a party.

Our friends the Savorys arrive in a few days. They have a charming place here.

Alfred has at last decided to resign his Militia, so he will not go to England this year. It has been hard for him to do this having been in it for sixteen years. But it is a great interruption to his work & interferes very much with his summer plans always, not to speak of the chance of being embodied, should war ever occur. This Colonel never will give him leave, so it is really quite a task & as he has won the right

rather irregular in my letters
don't think it is from want of
interest. I work hard & often
take your advice & example & go
to bed, letting everything go in the
evening.

I did not see the Morris before
leaving Paris. They promised to call
& we mentioned one or two Thursday
evenings for them to come but they
did not. I am too busy as you know
to do all the visiting.

Now I must say good bye with
worlds of love. Take good care of
your dear self. Try & let me hear
of you sometimes. Always your
devoted grateful Emmie.

done at the Salon I would be
very glad to give permission, as
I did not think you would object
to have your picture published.
I wrote a few days later to say
that if they had not been able
to take the copy at the Salon,
the picture would be at Mrs
Morris' for a few days where
they could see it.

I received a letter this morning
however, saying that they had
decided to make their choice from
pictures which had been photographed
before going to the Salon, so as
to avoid extra trouble in photographing

especialy for the magazine.
I am sorry for this as it would have been quite a satisfaction to have the picture reproduced. Still it is something to have had it noticed & my permission asked for.
Cassells is the magazine Alfred wrote an article for some time ago it is a good publication.
Alfred sends much love. He was only too happy to do anything for you in Paris.
His brother Ellis wishes me to express to you how very sorry he was not to have seen something of you in London. He & his wife were just leaving town when your cards came.
As soon as they returned Mrs Ellis wrote to say she would call & arrange an evening for you to dine with them. She went to your Hotel & found you had left the day before.
The Misses Ellis I know were all away - they only returned after your departure
What a long letter I have written you & yet it seems very unsatisfactory. If I am

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St. Valery-en-Caux.
Seine Inferieure.
July 27 1882.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

I wrote you some weeks ago, after our arrival here & giving you some little account of our country life.

I have heard nothing of your movements since reaching America, as probably Gramma has had no letters from her relatives there who have seen you since your return to San Francisco.

I hope however, that you had a very pleasant trip across the continent & found everything as you

conclusion that it was best to do so, owing to his painting & it being always a tie to spend a month every summer at the training.

This was before things were so serious in Egypt: but when there was really a chance of war, Alfred determined to try to withdraw his resignation & went over to England for that purpose. But he got no encouragement in this posture, either from his relatives or from the colonel of his regiment - the latter assuring

desired it to be. I wonder if you are now in town or have gone to some country resort?-

How strange it seems to me now to think of you so far away!- really, sometimes my life in America seems all a dream - I almost wonder if I really spent so many years of my life there. Such enormous changes have occurred in my destiny since leaving America - you know what a very different - new life I lead-

Very little has occurred for me to write about, except that Alfred went to England for a week & brought Hettie & Dora back with him to spend some months with us. They have been here three weeks & leave in about ten days. After which time Julia will finish the summer with us. Alfred went to England on purpose to see about his militia. I think I told you in my last letter that he had sent in his resignation; having come to the

St. Valery-en-Caux
Sept, 13 1882.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

It is indeed a long time since I wrote to you, & since doing so I have received your letter, written shortly after your arrival in San Francisco. For a month past I have been quite sick & was for three weeks confined entirely to the house & for several days to bed. The weather has been so very bad this summer & I think I must have caught cold sitting out sketching. I had much fever & a

into our spare bedroom, converted into a studio for the time being, and makes large studies of rocks & sand much to baby's delight, who thinks it great fun to watch these feathered models & hear them crow.

Fancy hiring a country house for the season to perform such works of art - Still, I mustn't be too sarcastic, for there have really been quite a number of days during the past three months, when

constant dull headache, which would get worse every afternoon & prevent my eating dinner or doing anything but go to bed. I really thought I was going to have an attack of fever, but by taking Quinine & other remedies prescribed by the physician here, this tendency was broken up. I am now much better, though still weak & don't dare work out of doors as the weather is very bad. O! how I sigh for a little of dear old California's good sunshine; it would be a comfort to live in a climate where it doesn't rain five days out of every week, which is certainly what it does here. The ground is in a perpetual state of soak & the poor farmers are in despair as their crops are not yet gathered, at least not in many places. Alfred, in despair, has started a "chicken ranch" on a small scale, & brings up his best specimens

he will have several pictures to paint next winter & this brings me to the subject of our new studio & apartment which we have taken in Paris.

Alfred went up on the 5th of August to look for a studio only, as we had decided to keep our present apartment, not having found anything suitable. He discovered one near us in the Boulevard Malesherbes, a

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it has not rained, at least not all day, & with the help of indiarubber sheets to sit on we really have managed to get a good many studies done, but I have paid dearly for mine. However, in such a good cause, I suppose one must not mind a few aches now & then. Still, you see if we have got the art galleries over here, there is still something to sigh for to make an artist's life quite blissful. I have just sent one of my productions to Jim

Groves in Paris to be forwarded to America with your pictures, as you kindly offered to let me send anything I had, to try what could be done in New York.

The subject is an old Normandy farm surrounded with trees, & Alfred has put some chickens & turkeys feeding before the house. My friends here thought it pretty, so I venture to send it, but hardly hope it will meet with any success. Don't trouble yourself about this too much - as to the price perhaps $40 or $50 would be a fair sum to ask, but if you think it too much, or there is any chance of disposing of the picture at a lower price let it go by all means - I don't need money myself but there are others who do, so I may be a little too grasping & ask too much. Alfred is making great progress & has done some very good studies of cows.

the hope to move in October
What an egotistical letter I
am writing; all about ourselves.
I do hope you are having
a pleasant time. Aunt
Emmie wrote me she was
anticipating so much
enjoyment from her lessons
with you in elocution.
She has so little to make
her happy + I know the
change + pleasure of fine
society will do her good.
I am so glad Will has
done so well + has passed
successfully his final

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very nice apartment to let
in the same house a
splendid studio. The temptation
was too great, he telegraphed
for me, I went to Paris +
after a little consultation
we decided to take it, tho'
not before we had seen
our present landlord, who
said he would put no
obstacles in the way, as we
had taken his apartment
for three years - of course
we were to find another
tenant + he would change
the lease to the persons taking

the apartment. The old scamp now says that we shall not move out till we have found a tenant & we may have some trouble with him. However, we have a very fine studio & it will be such a comfort having our apartment in the same house two floors below (on the 3rd) there is to be a speaking tube between them and I can thus communicate with the servants & give orders without leaving the studio. The house is not on the street, but there is a small private hotel in front, still the situation is sunny & healthy, with plenty of fresh air & the comfort of the studio will more than make up for the difference in the houses the new one not being quite so nice in the entrance as our present apartment. But this is a trifle & one which ought not to be considered by the side of more important things.

Alfred wants to know how the mines are doing.
Since beginning my letter I have received a note from Mr Groves, asking for the prices of the pictures to be sent. For two Salon pictures I will put ab ℔40 each the smaller ones of Sanjer + the little river piece I copied for you, ℔20 each. The one I am sending ℔30- + the Verboeckhoven ℔80- That is the price I believe Alfred paid for the sheep picture you left with us. The prices have to be given here on account of the custom house as Mr Groves has to make a declaration.
What a lot I have written + yet not said a word

examinations. I suppose you will soon go back with him to pupae for his entering college.
When you return to S. J. no doubt your new home will be quite complete, + very charming I am sure it will be.
Do you still think of coming to Europe next year? I hope you will be able to do so.
If things go well, I want to spend part of next summer

in Cintra where I can be near my people.
Papa is no longer young.
+ I want to go next
year if it is possible.
We would probably spend
August, September + October
there + return to Paris for
the winter.
I am also very anxious
to carry out our plan of
having one of the girls
to spend part of next
winter in Paris with us.
As to which one, it is
difficult for me to decide
+ perhaps they had better do
that between themselves.
Towards the end of the
winter might be preferable
say Feb. March + April,
as Paris is so much more
agreeable at that time +
the cold over to a great
extent.
I will do what I can
to make it pleasant for
one of my sisters and
try to let them see as
much of Paris as possible.

Mrs Elias

sketching tour. Mr Hicks will no doubt bring back material for a score lovely pictures. The Brodymans have taken a hotel near us in Bld Malesherbes + are fitting it up to suit themselves when magnificent studio. I hear she is to be charming.

Dear Mamma seems much better now + they all have had more pleasure at Cintra than last year. I trust all may end possibly for them yet + only wish the girls could find good husbands. Give my love to the Hensah + Will. Alfred sends love + best wishes. I hope your visit to Cintra will be a pleasant one. Let me hear from you sometimes. Always your devoted + grateful Emmie.

17) about dear baby. He is a favorite character about town here + knows everybody. The other day he went to market + helped himself to a small fish, which he carried off + refused to have it put in paper. He has several times sat down in the bath, clothes + all, + does just as much mischief as it is possible for a small boy of twenty months to do. Such a little bright sunny fellow you cannot imagine. Always good tempered + ready

for a fork. He seems to win all hearts & if this blessing remains with him through life, it will indeed equal a fortune. He is wonderfully well & has almost cut his eye teeth which will make sixteen in all.

Alfredi aunt & Uncle are perfectly swept up in him & altogether he gets an enormous amount of petting. He is considered not at all "spoiled" which is a great satisfaction - & is certainly a very obedient child. I could write pages full of his baby doings, but must not take your time. St. Valery has been very gay & there is a large English colony - some very pleasant people among them & old friends of Alfredi. All the Closes except ourselves leave at the end of this month, & we will go a little later. Is Mr Stearns in S. F. now? Our friends the Hucks, the artist you met, are starting for India to make an extensive

112 Boulevard Malesherbes
Paris, Nov. 25, 1882.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

I have indeed neglected you a long time & owe much of it you to forgive me. Since I last wrote we have been very busy; first getting ready to leave St. Valery, & as soon as we reached Paris, moving to our own apartment. You know the

A speaking tube connecting the studio & apartment make it perfectly easy for me to give orders & to be sent for if I am needed for Toby or anything else.

It is a little more than a month since we left the country & we are quite settled & hard at work.

Before I forget it, let me thank you for your letter, enclosing a check for Alfredi's picture. The letter you mention as sent to me I have not yet received, but hope it is

immense amount of
time + labor required
to get settled after a
move + will understand
all there has been to do.
Then to make matters
worse, dear baby caught
a violent cold a week
after our return to Paris,
+ has not been out of the
house for three weeks.
Fortunately, he is now quite
well + will, he ask as
soon as the weather permits.

Our new home is very
nice indeed + I think
prettier in some ways
than the other. Our salon
is particularly admired
+ is really a lovely room,
being somewhat larger than
the other + we have had
it hung in red cloth, which
shows off all our pretty
things to great advantage.
The studio is splendid, +
it is such a comfort to
have only two short flights
of stairs to go up to it.

dress from us I may be able
to attend part of the winter.
I have not yet seen Miss
Barnett, but must try to do
so shortly. I believe the Bowes
have moved, but don't know
exactly where.

Mrs Wilson gives a Thanksgiving
Tea next Thursday so I
suppose we shall meet a
number of Americans there.
Have you seen anything of
Mr & Mrs Blashfield in New York?
I am so glad dear Aunt Emmie
was able to go East for a time
- am sure the change will
greatly benefit her.

5) already on its way, for I
am very anxious to hear
some news of you & what
you have been doing since
you left California.
I was so glad to hear
Will had done so well
at college & hope he may
maintain his high standing.
I expect you have been having
a very delightful visit to
New York & Boston, & only
wish you could have extended
your travels as far as Europe.

We are very glad to be back in Paris again - there is so much to see and enjoy here. For the last month there has been a most interesting exhibition at the Palais de l'Industrie of "Art décoratif & rétrospective". the latter comprises many of the finest pieces of furniture & tapestry from the "Garde Meuble" of the state; together with splendid private & loan collections. There are two exhibitions of pictures now going on, but these I have not yet seen.

We have met several Americans lately. Mrs James Hethered and daughters were at St. Valery this summer; we have renewed our acquaintance here & find them very nice. Mrs Louis Tiebault (Miss Jennie Elam) of San Francisco is living very near us - She has married a Frenchman & seems dreadfully homesick for America. I believe her husband is a charming man.

The Bridgmans are in their new hotel & a very lovely home it is. Mr B. is building his studios in his garden & expects to open an atelier for ladies. As it is only a few

for some time. Mrs. Elias
is very far from the epidemic
however.

I should like to see your
lovely home when it is all
finished - am sure it will be
charming.

I send this to your old address,
I know Mr Hughes will forward it
to you should you have already
left New York.

Alfred joins me in much love
& begs me to thank you very much
for the check.

Hoping soon to hear from you &
with kisses from baby, ever your
devoted & grateful Emmie -

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Please give her my love & thank
her for her kind letter which I
received some time ago.

Things seem to be going on as
usual in Lisbon: all are well,
& Papa is now staying with
Mr Cook at Monserrate.

Clara had commenced her
singing lessons again.

I hope to have one of the girls
after Xmas & have written them
about it.

We have been so unfortunate as
not to let our old apartment
which causes us some loss, &
Alfred has compromised with

the landlord, by paying six months rent & thereby being released from all responsibility. Alfred sisters are very anxious to have us go to them for the Xmas holidays, but we feel we cannot afford it, & the whole family are giving out to see Bobby in London. They all love him dearly. Today Alfred asked Bob if he remembered Uncle Frey who was at St. Valery & Bob immediately touched his nose with his fat finger, so you see he is progressing in French.

My health is very good indeed & I am getting much stouter. Alfred has not been very brilliant lately: perhaps it is from having worked very hard all through the summer without any means of taking much exercise. He tried to get some shooting, but there was none to be had near St. Valery.

The weather is very unpleasant, & I have never seen Paris muddier or more gloomy. It is not very cold & to this they attribute the continuation of fever which has been so prevalent

112 Bld Malesherbes
Paris, May 28, 1883.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

I am not going to fill up half my letter with apologies for not having written before, you know I think often of you & love you just as much as ever even if I am sometimes a bad correspondent.

In april, we all three had an attack of cold in the eyes. Baby began first, & I think Alfred & I caught it from him. Although not serious, it kept us from work for nearly two weeks,

Professional people must learn to do this, otherwise they would accomplish nothing - You study too, so might just as well give yourself a little comfort -

I am happy to tell you that Alfred has a large picture in the Salon. it is six feet by four, quite well hung & he has received very favorable & encouraging criticisms from many upon it. the subject is one he found in Normandy last year - horses beating out rape seed.

Unfortunately I have been refused this year - it is from no lack of study or work, but

t I dared not use mine at night for a long time. I continued however as much as possible my study at the Bridgman's studio, as I felt I was gaining a good deal. I have now finished my third month there & as our hope to leave Paris soon, I shall work at home during the few days before our departure.

No doubt you are quite settled in your beautiful home - how I should like to see it! - Try not to fatigue yourself any more than you can help - I know how difficult it must be to avoid doing so, but just let some of those people know you are not to be entirely their slave at all times.

If you could only do as people do here - receive during a certain portion of the year - after that not be "at home" except to intimate friends - In this way it is quite possible to keep up an enormous circle without becoming worn out & a slave to society.

At first people would call it putting on airs - but that wouldn't affect you.

You know how uncertain
mrs luck is in these things
+ although I am sure
I have improved, there was
probably something in my
picture which did not
suit the Jury. When I go
to the Salon Lorenzo + see
the dreadful daubs there,
I feel disheartened, + like
never trying for the Salon
again. There are some
absurdly bad things exposed, +
on the other hand, I know of
many good pictures refused.
I suppose this must always
be the case.

We called on Madame
Lacroix the other day, but she

mrs. Elijas
a great deal.
not yet decided
a house for the summer
at all in
the country
as soon as we
I will write you
Will is doing
he must miss
from Lisbon,
better though
Lalu tells me
very anxious about
her. The girls are studying hard
Alban gets up every morning at
half past four to do extra
practising.
The Ontario mine has stopped paying
dividends, ostensibly to purchase neighboring
property. If you have any means of knowing
whether it is all right, Alfred will feel very

was not well & could not receive us. She is in mourning I believe.

Miss Barnett dined with us night before last. She seems quite hopeful about her book - I hope it will be a success - Have you read it?

Baby is growing rapidly & talks a good deal of French. he is a dear little fellow, & a great comfort to us.

Mrs Bosmans is in Paris & expects to come to see baby this afternoon, so to prepare for the occasion & make himself look prettier, he fell down this morning, & made a tremendous bump on his forehead, after the manner of his kinds - I have him all bandaged up with "Pondis extract", to try & make him presentable - Poor little thing! it is a wonder to me they ever grow up whole - a good many don't do it is true, but I don't see how one escapes.

We have had very warm weather in Paris for two or three weeks - the parks are looking lovely & I am out as much as possible with baby -

Alfred is study horses at some stables near us, & is

Asnelles, par Bayeux
Calvados, France.

Aug 12, 1883.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

Your two letters have been received, your own first much-prized ones, & a few days later, the nice interesting description of your beautiful home, as well as your occupations during your stay in Boston. I cannot tell you how much I prize all this.

long before we left Paris, & when we were still uncertain in regard to our plans for the summer.

Alfred went on a little exploring expedition in Normandy, & finally came to this little place. He saw at once that it would suit us, & both a charming house. We arrived here the 14th of June & hope to remain till the middle of October.

for it is a long time
since I have had one
letter a week from you -

I know him much
anxiety + care you must
have had before getting
everything quite satisfactorily
arranged in your home -
but I am sure the
result must be much
charming - When means
+ good taste are combined,
it cannot be otherwise -

What a delightful time
you must have had in
Boston, it is of course a
great advantage to
Still to have me
associated even him,
+ it must make you
feel less anxious about
him, knowing that he is
with nice people -

You say nothing about
your own health, so I
hope you are feeling
well -

I think my last
letter was written on

many years of steady, faithful work that one can expect to succeed. It seems to me I have scarcely begun yet.

I have quite given up the idea of selling, for in thinking too much about that one does not do such conscientious study. If it comes later I shall be very thankful, if not, the love of my work is in itself compensation.

Boulles is a tiny quaint village about eight miles from Boyeux, which is the nearest railway station. The country here is charming & beautifully suited to our work. The touch is delightful consisting of beautiful smooth downs. We have a dear old house, in the centre of a large garden & orchard & are very comfortable & happy -

Alfreds two sisters Nellie & Dora are spending the dinner with us & Nellie hopes to come to us later she is now in Scotland. She took a nice place near us for Alfreds Aunt & Uncle whom you met in London - They are much pleased with this place -

We also have friends for whom we took a small house - Mr & Mrs Pollock. They live near us in Paris, and are cultivated, nice people - Mr Pollock is a son of Sir Frederick Pollock. They are people in very good position & are all very literary - We have other friends at the Hotel, so altogether, we form quite a pleasant little circle of our own - Alfred & I spend much of our time sketching & I hope we are making progress - Art is long indeed & it is only after

My people are at Contra - they find it very dull this summer - as very few people are there - still more may come later.

Please remember me very kindly to all who may still seem interested in me in S. F. it seems a long time since I left there + indeed it is - five years! -

Alfred joins me in love. Give mine also to Mr Hearst + Will. Hoping you are feeling well, + wishing for every happiness + blessing in your own home, believe me ever

Your most devoted + grateful Annie.

Alfred is certainly making progress - he likes to paint some good pictures during the winter - for the present, we are doing only studies, bits of foreground, + Alfred is also studying horses -

I Leon Orrin Beck is going to study art, + am glad he is able to carry out his long-wished plans in this respect -

Our dear little boy is a
perfect picture of health.
he is very good + sweet
+ loved by everybody -
I hope you have received
his photo by this time,
which I sent with a
packet to Aunt Clara by
Mrs Shillaber - He was
just two years old when
it was taken.

Baby talks French altogether
which is a very good thing
for him, as he will always
speak it well hereafter.

I don't think I ever told
you that last year Alfreds
sisters + Cousins Edward Batten
+ his wife met our friend
Mr Toft in Denmark - he
was polite to them + they
have seen him a good
deal in London - Edward
has succeeded in getting
him some orders
here + has taken people
to see his work - Ellis
also knows him +
asked him to dine
with him -

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Paris. Nov. 10 1883

My dear Mrs Leach

I hope you will not think me unkind & ungrateful for having allowed so long a time to elapse without writing to you.

I have always the same excuse to offer, & for the last two months I have been unusually busy. We have both done several pictures lately & have greatly enjoyed working together in our

I tell you all these particulars so that you can see what we are doing.

No doubt you are by this time in San Francisco again & probably settled in your new home. I hope you will greatly enjoy it & I am sure others will also do the same, for you always find someone who needs cheering & comforting.

Our dear baby is such a little darling. He is

charming studio.

Alfred has two large pictures of horses which he is going to send to the Salon, alas, several smaller ones which are very nice - One he exhibited at his club in the Rue Volney & it was very favorably spoken of in an art publication here. I think you would enjoy seeing all our work for I know you take an interest in it.

Mr Bridgman has opened an atelier for ladies very near us & I am attending the class. It is a great pleasure to me to feel I am doing such good serious study. He has five models there & Mr B is I think a very good master.

Everyone says Alfred has made immense progress during the past year - he seems much interested in his work & looks forward with pleasure to our summer's sketching.

people -

We went to a reception at the Bridgmans a few nights ago & Oscar Wilde was present - it was just funny & his conversation was as good as a play -

We were invited to dinner the other evening to meet the Princesse de Scilla, a very charming woman & an artist - She asked me to become a member of the Society of Lady artists. I perhaps will as it may be an advantage later -

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greatly admired by all our friends & is really worthy of it - I have a photograph for you taken when he was two years old & it is considered a good likeness, though not a flattering one. His coloring is so lovely & of course no photo can give that.

We are having most dreadful weather just now; in fact the coldest during the whole winter. It is rather trying after the

mild spring days we have enjoyed lately when it was possible to sit out in the parks all day long.

I trust the cold will soon pass for we need a little more sunshine.

Affairs look rather unsettled just now in Paris. There is much discontent among the lower classes, & yesterday there was a socialist meeting during which shops & carriages were attacked, windows smashed & a good deal of excitement prevailed. This is not pleasant & I hope the authorities will soon put a stop to such proceedings. Many people think that a change of government is not far distant.

We have greatly enjoyed our winter, have been out a good deal & met some very charming

to see "Fedora". Sarah Bernhardt's
last picture: she is wonderful
& looks very handsome. the
costumes are magnificent.
I hope Jos Love good
news of Will & that he
is doing well at college.
How thankful Jos must be to
know that he is turning out so well.
Has not Absolom's accounts
the funny men of T. F.
especially sons of rich men.
Truly it is a great [illegible]
when the rising Generation cannot
stand a little wealth. but perhaps
my impression is mistaken. I hope he
is. Aford sends love. Miss Barnett
came to see me one day. Her book is
out & the reviews very respectful.
With much love & hoping you are very well
I am as ever my dear friend Jos devoted Protégé
Emmie -

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I hope dear Aunt Emmie
will return from her
Southern trip rested &
comforted. I know how much
she must have suffered
at being away at the time
of dear Grandma's death; but
she has nothing to reproach
herself for, & our daughter
could have been more devoted
& patient during all these
trying years than she has
been.

Dear Mamma has been
feeling very miserable lately
& has realized I think more
since the death of her Mother

than usual how much she misses her old associations. I often wonder how it will all end which is to be my sisters' fate. They seem to be enjoying their studies immensely & are working very hard at music & French. They have after all a great deal to be thankful for, even if their surroundings are not as pleasant as they would like.

We are making all our plans to go to Lisbon for two months in the autumn. We will probably go to some quiet place for the summer, where we can work & then go South, returning by way of England where we shall probably spend a short time; as I am very anxious to show baby to all his English friends & relatives, who have not already had the pleasure of making his acquaintance. Alfred's brother Ellis has been spending a few days in Paris. We saw a good deal of him & went to the theatre together

Paris, Dec-18, 1883.

My dear Mrs Stuart.

Just a few lines to wish you & your every happiness & blessing for the New year. I only trust it may bring you all you deserve -

We expect to be very quiet during the holidays.

Clara seems happy with us & enjoys Paris very much. She is working hard at music &

I hope you received the last letter I wrote you - directed to 65 Broadway - New York.

No doubt you are now with Will, & I hope enjoying yourself very much.

I hope soon to hear from you & that you will come to Europe next year -

Will much love, in which Alfred joins & again wishing you a very happy New Year, believe me dear Mrs Stuart, ever

Your most devoted & grateful

Emmie -

French is improving in both - Baby is much better - I think I told you in my last letter that he had a very bad cold - it may have been whooping cough - if it was, he has had a very light attack & has gotten over it very easily -

The little darling is so lovely he is a sweet child & a great comfort to us - I wish you could see him -

We are having rather cold weather now, though not too bad for the season - Alfred & I are making very good - painting pictures from our summer studies - Alfred has a very good subject for a picture - two horses in a field taking at the fences go by - trying to get out - the action is very good & I think he will make something good of it -

I have just become a member of the society of lady artists here - it will be an advantage to me -

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Isabella Barnes Ryder
Calvados, July 19, 1884.

My dear Mrs Stearns

It has been such a pleasure to me to receive your two charming letters. So much news of you & yours is indeed refreshing, after the few stray scraps I have had to be satisfied with for so long.

First let me say how very grieved I was to learn you had been so seriously ill. I knew you had not been well last winter in the East, but had no idea you had been

getting annuals, & we have a large garden & orchard when he can pass them right at home.

I am desiring myself to look-scope & also do some figures of children, of which there are several always ready to pose for me.

As for the season has been a most delightful one & we have look in vain for a touch of rain.

Our friends Mr & Mrs Pollock, who were here last Summer, are now here, & it is very pleasant having some one society near us.

Alfred's three sisters expected to spend the Summer with us,

so frustrated till I received your first letter. The second, received a short time ago, gives more hopeful accounts of your returning health and strength, & I hope by this time you are nearly yourself again.

Do be careful & look all the steps & energy you can.

I know how difficult it must be to do this, with so much constantly to be done & attended to in a large establishment.

No doubt Still is now with you. I am delighted to hear such good accounts of him in every way, & you must feel very proud of the high standard he maintains at college.

I should say that his future were quite safe, & it must be an enormous relief & satisfaction to you to know that the often dangerous time between seventeen & twenty one had been safely passed.

I am very glad to hear His Heart is so well now. He ought certainly to take care of himself & not go so often on those trying & fatiguing journeys.

I last wrote you from London, where we spent three weeks most delightfully, arriving here the 1st of June.

The country is very charming & we find so much to interest us in our work.

Alfred has every facility for

admired & petted by all who know him - He is exceedingly bright, & very amusing -

Your kind words of congratulation & encouragement on my success at the Royal Academy were very pleasant to hear. Art is a long road to travel - one must expect many discouragements & disappointments on the way - But I feel that I am doing conscientious work, & this will tell in time. Aspire & I love the highest standard before us, & look to the very finest work that is done in our separate branches. Nothing short of that will

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but owing to the appearance of cholera in Spain, their friends have strongly advised them not to come, so unless there is a decided diminution of the disease very soon, which Lordly seems possible, we shall probably not see them here at all this year.

It is not pleasant feeling this dreadful disease flourishing on the same soil as ourselves, but we could not be better situated as far as healthy surroundings are concerned. The town & rather village is very small & much scattered. We take every precaution as to our food, water & other things. Should the cholera break

out in Paris, which is not unlikely, I fear, we shall remain here till danger is past.

Our dear little boy is very happy & bright. He is growing rapidly, & is no longer a baby. His hair is cut short & he is such a manly looking little fellow. I suppose before I know it, he will be in knickerbockers. You say in your last letter that probably he has been spoiled by all the attention he gets, but that there will be time to correct this later. My dear friend I can only give you the general opinion, which is that he is not the least spoiled. This is something which parents are their children. It is a false kindness to allow them to become a nuisance to everybody, themselves included.

In my mind the spoiling lays principally with the parents, if they don't do it, other people can pay much attention to the child without any bad result. This I have found with our own boy. Afraid of I must or being obeyed, & this without much trouble as we began as soon as there was the least understanding developed in baby. The result is that he is a dear, lovable little fellow,

short leave.

I am glad to tell you that our uncle who was so ill is much better. the doctors even talk hopefully of his being able to walk again. if the improvement is a permanent one, it will be a miraculous cure, as so seldom any relief can be obtained from Gangrene.

Give my dear Mrs Hearst, I cannot say good bye. Alfred joins me in much love to you + those fine ones to Mr Hearst + Will.

Hoping you all will pass a very pleasant summer, always

Your devoted + loving

Connie

I am sending you a photo of myself, that + the one of Alfred were taken in London by an artist friend while we were visiting his studio.

Mrs. Elkins

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satisfy us; whether we reach it or not, time will show, but it is something to aim high.

I wish the duty on pictures in America was not so high now, + I would try my luck at the Exhibition there, but with 30% there is no use thinking of paying so much on an uncertainty.

I must wait + see if the Democrats do anything in regard to the tariff.

They seem to stand a good chance of success. Mr Hearst must be very hopeful about it.

I get good news from Lisbon. Thomas seems much better since the weather has

become warm, & the summer is unusually cool for Lisbon. They don't seem to suffer much from the heat.

Papa had a delightful trip to the North of Portugal with Mr & Mrs Francis, & it seems to have done him a world of good. He visited Mr Cook at Monserrate later, & he also being staying with Aunt Susan at Cintra. Edna will go to see her also; she is not well I hear.

Mr Cook has just given forty thousand pounds to found a home for art & other lady students studying at the South Kensington Museum & other institutions of learning. It is to be a splendid mansion, built near the Albert Hall London, & does Mr Cook honour.

The corner stone was laid a few days ago by the Princess of Wales, who has taken great interest in the work & christened it "Alexandra House". I sent two cuttings about it from the "Times" to Thomas, & asked him to forward them to you, as I knew you would feel interested, knowing what Mr Cook is.

One of Alfred's cousins from India has been spending a few days with us, he is a nice fellow & Alfred enjoys having him. He returns to England next week, & he only has a

112 Boulevard Malesherbes.

Paris, Oct. 11, 1884.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

You must think me very unkind to have allowed so many months to pass without writing to you. I am sure though when you hear all I have had to endure for several months that you will quite understand my silence is not from carelessness or want of affection.

In the first place, let me tell you that sometime next March I will present Alfred with a son or daughter, as the case may be.

My health has been most wretched nearly the whole

Dear boy is picking up very rapidly & looks almost as well as before his illness. The took him today to see a good homeopathic physician, & he says from what he can tell him that baby has no scarlet fever at all, but an aggravated case of measles.

As you can imagine, my summer has not been a pleasant one. Painting has suffered in consequence of so many interruptions, still I have done a good deal - & think improved.

Alfred has made many good studies & sketches & has material for many pictures which he hopes to paint this winter.

summer & I suffered so dreadfully from sickness & disorder existence almost a burden part of the time.

Just as I was beginning to feel better, poor baby was taken with measles, but instead of the disease finishing properly at the end of a week or ten days, as measles usually do, on the sixth day baby broke out with a push - very violent eruption which caused us great anxiety & which lasted a month. The county doctor on whose skill we were forced to depend said it was a mild case of scarlet fever. I don't know what it was. At any rate our dear baby was very ill.

Just as he was beginning to get up he had a severe attack one night of spasmodic croup which was very alarming.

Altogether I had a most trying month, what with the anxiety, fixing ourselves so far from good medical skill, & the constant fatigue.

Dear baby was so good all the time, it was a pleasure to nurse him. I never saw a better tempered child.

We could not return to Paris quite as soon as we would otherwise have done, as baby was not fit to travel.

We arrived here three days ago, all delighted to find ourselves at home again.

park, so I don't think there will be any danger of his not liking the new arrival.

I am now feeling very well indeed + enjoy putting our little home in order for the winter.

Paris is looking very bright + pleasant, in spite of rather dull weather.

I am glad to hear you say You have not been exerting yourself to entertain extensively during the past year. This has no doubt been a very good thing for you + enabled you to regain your strength more rapidly. It must have been very nice having Will at home

Let me thank you now for having sent me so many delightful letters during the past few months. They have indeed been appreciated.

I am so glad for you are feeling better + trust your health will soon be quite restored.

You say nothing about coming to Europe in your last letter. Just think! it will be three years next April since I have seen you. A long time indeed.

My sister Clara plans for the future have indeed changed lately. The news of her engagement was a complete surprise to me, as I had not even heard Mr Installer mentioned till Monroe wrote

that he + Clara were engaged.
I can only hope it will prove a happy match, but cannot help feeling sorry that Clara must go so far from us all.
It seems to be my parents fate to be separated from their children when they marry.
I can see by their letters how much they feel the near prospect of losing Clara.
Mr Waller seems to be very highly spoken of by those who know him well, + Clara seems very happy.
I don't think any plans are fixed as to the time for the marriage. Mamma will probably write you all particulars as soon + anything is settled.
I am delighted at the prospect of another baby, + Alfred is also very pleased.
Hyacinth is such a darling + gives us so much pleasure that I can only hope the next will be as nice + he is.
It would be very pleasant to have a little Phebe, but I don't think much about the sex so as not to be disappointed, whichever comes.
Baby has been constantly begging me to buy him a little brother or sister for months

know from one year to the next
what friends we shall lose.
This is the most unpleasant
part of living in a place like
Paris where people come for a
year or two & then leave.
I hope you will soon be one
of those who come, & in the
pleasure of seeing you, we will
forget that the parting must follow.
Alfred joins me in love - & with
every wish for your continued
improvement in health, & a kiss
from baby, ever

Your devoted Emmie.

for a little time - I can't
save my life picture from
to my mind as a man
but still think of him as
the boy of seventeen I saw
last in Paris. Do send me
a photograph of him if any
have been taken lately. I expect
he is a great beau, & flings
hearts with the pretty girls
hearts with that light broadside
of his, although I dreamt quite
approve of the color -
I expect the longer Mr
Hearst puts off leaving S. F.
the harder it will be to move
him; no doubt by that time
for Love given up in despair
the prospect of getting him to

Europe - Please give him my love + tell him I think he ought to come over, if only to be able to compare things on this side of the water with California, + see which are nicer, foreign or home manufacture, my babies among other things.

Alfred hopes you won't think him very wanting in faith + very troublesome if he asks you one or two things about the mines - Can you tell him why they have so depreciated in value: for poor Eives + Allen's last quotations they were in New York on the 11th July as low as $20 + $9 respectively for Ontario + Homestake, nearly half the price he paid for them.

Do you think they will recover in market value, + are the prospects as good as ever -

Mr + Mrs Hicks have a charming little hotel near us + seem to enjoy it - Mr Hicks is very successful -

Mrs Bridgman has just had her third baby, born in Switzerland to avoid I expect being here during the great heat of Summer - They have not yet returned to Paris -

I have seen no one yet, being too busy to think of visits -

Several of our friends have gone to America - We never

112 Boulevard Malesherbes.
Paris, May 27, 1885.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

I am at last once more able to go about a little & to resume to some extent my usual life.

Alfred wrote you a few lines announcing the birth of our little daughter, which I hope you received.

Since then I have been very ill & suffered a great deal.

In my last letter to you, enclosing another photograph of Lyonnie & which Alfred registered, I mentioned that I was suffering a

to him - He has not shown the least jealousy oh being rather put aside a little, as all elder children must be during these first weeks.

I am able to nurse the baby entirely, having an abundance of splendid milk, & this is such a pleasure to one.

I have written a great deal about ourselves, but I know you are interested in this important event.

I am so very sorry to hear from Clara that you are not feeling strong.

Is it any new complication, or the usual over-fatigue which sometimes makes you suffer? Do be careful of your strength.

good deal of pain -

This was really caused by inflammation, although the doctors thought there was nothing the matter with me.

After the birth of the baby however, it was evident something was wrong & in a few days fever began & I got constantly worse.

At the end of a fortnight we changed to homoeopathic treatment, which gave me almost instant relief, & soon both inflammation & fever were checked.

I am now out of the doctors' hands & only require care to be quite well.

I am walking out every day & gaining strength rapidly - It has been an anxious time for dear Alfred & I need not tell you how good & devoted he has been.

Our dear little daughter is a lovely child; how I wish I could show her to you! She is so fat & rosy, with a beautiful fair skin, dark blue eyes & such a pretty mouth. Her hands are quite perfect in shape.

Altogether, we are delighted with the addition to our family & feel very thankful for little Phoebe Dora -

Clemmie is so happy to have a sister & talks to her of himself as her big brother.

Yesterday he asked her if she knew that her poor old brother had a cold. It is really most amusing to listen

the Salon with one picture, & just above the line with the other, which is very encouraging. He also has a picture in the Royal Academy—

I hope you have received Wynnie's photo.

Alfred joins me in much love to you—& hope soon to have good accounts of your health. Give my love & Mr Hearst—& believe me as ever my dear friend

Yours devotedly

Emmie.

Dear Mr. Hearst—Just a line to add my love & to tell you that I am sending you photos of my Salon pictures, which I hope will arrive safely—I am so glad to learn from Clara, that you have not any intention of crossing the Atlantic this year.

I hear Mr Hearst has greatly enjoyed his visit East—

Does he intend remaining much longer with you?—Clara wrote me a few days ago that you had just taken an apartment in New York, so I suppose you will make that city your home for some little time—I have quite envied Clara being so near you, & know it has been a great pleasure to her meeting you in New York. She seems very happy & I am sure from what I hear that Singleton must be a good man & therefore will no doubt make a good husband

I hear Will brought a trophy from the New Orleans exhibition in the shape of a young

Yours very truly Alice

alligator, with which charming companions he shared his own room at college. I suppose your sorrow at its death was not quite inconsolable.

Our plans for the summer are still very unsettled. Alfred thought of Switzerland a little as he felt the entire change of air & scene might be beneficial to me, but I am getting better so rapidly that I think almost any moderately bracing country place will suit me.

We begin to feel anxious to get away, for the real summer heat has come upon us suddenly, after a whole month of cold, dismal rainy weather - as unlike the traditional Paris May as you can imagine.

I don't suppose I shall be able to accomplish much this summer in the way of painting, as baby will require much attention, & being a very big child will be tiresome to nurse, & my doctor impresses upon me the necessity of taking great care of myself for the next two months.

I saw our nice friend Madame Leubeck, a few days ago, the lady with white hair you called on with us before our marriage. She asked very kindly after you as she usually does.

You will be glad to hear that Alfred is on the line at

Rieux, par Liancourt
Oise France
Aug. 6, 1885.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

Your long interesting letter of May + June gave me so much pleasure, + I think it was very good of you to write me so much yourself when you were not feeling strong.

I heard through Clara a few days ago, that you had decided to remain East during the summer instead of going to California as you expected when you wrote me -

I am so pleased to learn

I must confess I am afraid of this dreadful disease, not for myself but for my dear husband + children's account.

Now let me tell you a little about ourselves since my last letter to you, which I wrote as soon as I was able to make any exertion after my illness.

As the time drew near for leaving Paris I felt still so weak + unfit for any fatigue that I dreaded even a journey of only a few hours, + so Olyd decided to find something near Paris. After several days spent in fruitless search, he at last discovered this quiet little

that Will is developing into such a fine man & it must be such a comfort & satisfaction to Mr Hearst & yourself - I can imagine how much Mr Hearst will enjoy his trip & the mines with Will, who takes such an interest in these things now -

What are Will's future plans? does he intend taking his father's profession & carrying on Mr Hearst's interests later?

I hope soon to hear you are better - I believe that Jack house in S. F. with all its cares & responsibilities would soon have killed you, and am sure it is much better for you to be relieved of it all.

I so look forward to seeing you next year & like nothing will prevent your paying a visit to Europe unless the school makes this part of the world uninhabitable, which seems highly probable just now -

How pitiful it is in Spain over 4,000 cases a day by the "Times". It has broken out seriously in Marseilles too, & I expect to see it in Paris.

I feel very anxious about my parents - it seems so near to them, but Lisbon may escape the epidemic -

some painting - The river scenery here is so lovely, I often find it a great temptation to begin.

Alfred is doing some very good studies of horses & has several important pictures in view -

My dear friend You say it was lovely of me to give baby your name, I assure you that if it gives you pleasure to feel she has it, it gave me far more to have a little daughter to bear your name & was among my first thoughts when I heard the baby was a girl. She is a sweet little reminder of you - such that I needed one, but often

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often, which seemed to offer all we wished - the only drawback being that the house was almost unfurnished. We found however that being not far from Paris, it would be possible to have what furniture we needed carted down here & this was accordingly done.

I was not able to help at all in packing or superintending the move & dear Alfred took all the responsibility himself - It seemed so queer to sit by, quite inactive, & see all my own things moved about & packed by others.

My good nurse Elizabeth

did all the packing & I kept my monthly nurse to look after me & the baby - She came here with us & remained five days till we were somewhat settled & to watch that I didn't do too much.

We have such a charming place - a house not large but sufficient for our use surrounded by a clean tidy garden, rather neglected, but very retired & shady & with lots of fruit -

The change & quiet, and plenty of fresh air soon began to do wonders for me & altogether only seven weeks since we left Paris, I am almost as well as ever -

We are only five minutes walk from the beautiful river Oise & Alfred has hired a nice boat & takes me rowing every afternoon when he has finished work. I am learning to row while he fishes & enjoy this delightful exercise and amusement so much -

Having so much fruit I thought it a good opportunity to learn to make preserves, so have been going into jam making very extensively and successfully -

As for painting has had to be entirely neglected - I have not felt up to any regular exertion - My productions for '85 are Roche & Jaune - However, a little later I shall be able to do

can a Mother ask for her children?
I hope Lulu may be so fortunate.
Clara seems very happy & must have a nice husband from all I hear - She wrote me of all your kindness to her while in Brooklyn & of your lovely presents.

Now my dear friend I have written you a great deal about ourselves & hope you will soon have good accounts to give me of your own dear self.

My dear Alfred would send you his love were he here as I do it for him -

With best love from myself always & ever

Your devoted Emmie

We return to Paris sometime in October when I call her, your dear face comes before me.

How I wish you could see our lovely little Phebe! She is the picture of health & good temper & so bright. Has big dark blue eyes which twinkle with fun already & she has a smile for everybody.

Although not yet four months old, for the last three weeks she has taken the good habit of putting herself to sleep at night, & after I nurse her at 7 o'clock, is tucked into her cradle & goes off to sleep quite by herself, sucking her fat rosy fingers - Phebe is of course with me at night, & I hear

nothing from her till about 4 the next morning, when she begins to grunt & wriggle & this means that she is hungry. As I take her into bed, nurse her & put her back in her cradle & she sleeps till nearly eight.

Can you imagine a better child?

Thymnie is delighted with his little sister & thinks everything she does so funny. He looks at her sometimes & says: "dear little thing!"

She likes her brother very much. He pulls her about so sometimes that I fear her arms & legs are in danger, but the rougher he is the better she likes it.

Phoebe is an immense child for her age. I put her in short clothes at two months old.

She looks quite double her age, & is equally advanced in intellect.

Thymnie is as full of mischief as a kitten & keeps me busy looking after him, for he is up to all sorts of pranks all day long. He is such a clever bright child & says very amusing things.

I do indeed appreciate my greatest of all earthly blessings, a dear good husband & lovely children.

Dear Mamma writes that she finds such comfort in the thought that her two daughters have found such happy homes, & well she may feel this, for what more

112 Boulevard Malesherbes.
Paris, Dec. 9. 1885.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I hope this will reach you in time to wish you a very Merry + happy Xmas, as well as very many good wishes for the New Year.

I should be so glad to be able to speak all my good wishes instead of writing them to you. It is I am afraid a long time since I have sent you a letter. My time has been so occupied during the last few weeks since our return to Paris, the five lessons every day an hour + the little fellow is making very rapid progress - he is so quick + I know he will have brains enough in life, if he will only make good use of them - It is interesting work teaching him, though it requires a good deal of patience.

I have done nothing as yet to speak of in the way of painting but the only thing I did in the country - a study of an old well-known path was much admired by Luminais + he seemed to think it is well worth my while to keep on painting - I have had so little encouragement that really sometimes I have

getting the apartment in order, & the children fitted out for the winter that I have been obliged to neglect dreamy things.

We feel very glad to be at home again, & are comfortable, though rather crowded for bed-room accommodation since Phebe's arrival -

I wish you could see the little pet - she is so sweet, & the best baby you can imagine. Always happy - bright, with a smile for everybody -

The enclosed photograph was taken a short time ago when Phebe was just seven months old - her eyes are dark blue, skin very fair, very red lips, & hair light, what there is of it - the two teeth, of which Hymie is very proud indeed, & feels constantly with his finger -

We would enjoy seeing the children together - they are devoted to each other & play steadily very nicely - Hymie is often rather rough in true boyish fashion, but Phebe seems to like it all the better -

I am kept very busy, as you can imagine & there is now a new duty to perform, that of teaching Hymie -

consumption, in America.

The family is now in Paris, & I went to see them the other day. Poor Mrs Whitborn spoke much of you & said she was bright & looked so well up to the last.

I hope you are much better & enjoying yourself & that Mr Hearst & Will are well.

Alfred joins me in much love & best wishes.

Yours ever

Jessie

Jessie knows that Phebe is named after you & sometimes he looks at your portrait & says "that lady is Mrs Phebe."

I am feeling so much stronger now.

Always your devoted

Emmie.

I send two photos. If you think Mr Hearst would like one of them please forward it with my love.

wondered why I continued to make the effort to paint under the difficulties of having to manage other duties to perform. I suppose it is because I can't help painting.

I am doing a portrait of Virginia just now & it gives promise of being a good likeness. I mean to do one of the baby afterwards.

Alfred is getting on splendidly in his work he receives so much encouragement from many of the good artists & I love not a doubt but what he will soon be one of the best animal painters.

I can see that Lawrence begins to feel proud that Alfred is his pupil, which is a good sign, as the old man is hard to please.

Alfred has just sold his Royal Academy picture in England for a fair price.

Times are so bad even everywhere that fine artists are selling much.

I was so grieved to hear of the dreadful calamity which has come to my poor Clients. I am anxious I feel for their future I cannot express.

Your own great kindness & generosity to them is lovely.

Dear Count Commi has faced the trial very bravely, & I trust she will meet with success in the difficult profession which she has undertaken.

It seems too hard that such a calamity should have come after such self-sacrifice as they have exercised, for so many years. I only wish I had it in my power to put them above all need or anxiety.

I wonder if you heard that Mrs Wilbour lost her youngest daughter a few months ago. It must be a dreadful trial to them all.

The poor girl died of rapid

remarks on her improved appearance.
I think she has felt very sad & lonely ever since Clara left.
Dear Mamma seems so happy with her grandchildren, & they fully appreciate all the petting they receive.

The cozy little apartment is arranged with Mamma's usual taste & looks very pretty & comfortable, & it is such a pleasure to me to see so many familiar objects about, connected with all my youthful days - constantly I come across some object, books or which brings up a thousand recollections, & I feel like embracing it as an old friend.

The have an apartment over my sisters which is very comfortable, but we all like our

69 Rua Nova de San Francisco de Paula
Lisbon, Nov. 12, 1886.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

Your very kind & welcome letter reached me here a few days after our arrival, & I was so glad to hear from you. But I cannot tell you how sorry I was to learn that your health was not good when you wrote. It was such a pleasure to us all to hear of your great improvement while in Washington last winter, & I sincerely trust that your drawback has only been a temporary one.

I meant to write you long ago, but almost ever since we arrived in Lisbon I have been suffering fearfully with

a tooth; so much that of times. I felt quite ill from loss of sleep & pain. Fortunately there is a good American dentist here, & he has been destroying the nerve & trying to save the tooth. I don't know yet what the result will be as there is still great inflammation.

It is too bad to come on a visit & have such a trying experience.

Now let me give you an account of our joyful meeting & reunion after so many years of separation. We left Paris on the 5th o'clock for Bordeaux & there embarked for Lisbon.

Our miseries from sea-sickness were very great, as the nurse, myself & the poor children were dreadfully ill, but we felt repaid for all when we steamed up the magnificent Tagus & saw Lisbon on its many hills, looking lovely in the morning sunlight.

Very soon dear Papa & Lulu, with a kind friend, the Baroness Howorth, came for us in a boat & we went on shore & were soon at home.

I cannot begin to describe to you the happiness I felt at seeing my dear Father Mother & sister once more. The former I found but looking wonderfully well, & scarcely a day older than when I last saw them, which was a great comfort as I feared I might find them much altered. Lulu looked delicate & seemed far from strong, but since we have been here she has improved wonderfully & everyone

way in which Mr Hearst has been treated it must be felt to be a disgrace to Cal. by all respectable citizens.

We shall spend xmas here, but beyond that date our plans are not settled & I don't know whether we shall return to Paris or make a longer stay in Lisbon – it depends a good deal on Alfred's work – if he can be out of doors, for having no studio, it will be difficult for him to do anything serious at home & the weather is already very cold. One feels it more as the houses are so uncomfortable & no fireplaces – the have a small stove in one room & I have been near it all day really suffering with cold.

All join me in much love to you & kindest regards to Mr Hearst & Phill. Hoping soon to hear of your improved health, believe me dear Mrs Hearst, as always Yours most devotedly

Emmie.

meals together.

Hymie goes to a little school close by for the mornings only & he seems happy & amused among the other children. Little Phoebe is very well & jolly & everybody thinks her a well developed specimen of health & size.

We like Lisbon very much – there is great character in the streets & many subjects for pictures in the shipping, splendid oxcars & picturesque fishwomen. Alfred has made a good many nice sketches & if the weather will allow I am sure he can do a good deal during our visit here. My time has been taken up in visiting, when I felt able, & nursing my troublesome tooth.

We spent four days in Cintra with Aunt Susan, but the weather was such a cold & we were not able to do as much as we wished in the way of sight-seeing, still we went to two or three of the principal places of interest. Hyacinth was with us, & greatly enjoyed the donkey rides & seeing the cork trees. He had an idea the corks grew like apples I think, & could not understand how the bark could be turned into round corks.

We took such a good many people here, some pleasant & others not particularly interesting.

The greatest objection to the English society is the immense amount of gossip & repeating of scandal. They all seem pleased to repeat what they hear bad of a person to that person. The consequence is, one body meets another most affectionately but thinking inwardly: "O! you wretch for saying I looked a fright in my last new bonnet."

The only way to do is to be on one's guard with everybody.

I like the 3rd Baron & Baroness Howarth - they are very kind - have been wonderfully devoted to my sister in all her many trials here.

O! what a blessing it is for any parents to have a little home of their own. they are so much happier & independent. Their life under my Aunts roof must have been dreadful.

Both Alfred & I were very indignant to hear of the shameful

69 Rua Nova de S. F. de Paula.
Lisbon, Feb. 28, 887.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

It has been my intention for several weeks past to write & congratulate both you & Mr Hearst on the happy result of the senatorial election, in which both Alfred & I heartily rejoice. We send you our warmest congratulations, & trust that the six years you will be called upon to reside in Washington may be such a time here with all my dear ones - a time to look back upon all the rest of my life. Mamma seems very well in health for her & certainly her appearance is encouraging. Lulu is not strong. She suffers sometimes with pain in the stomach, which her doctor says is neuralgia. In consequence, Lulu has given up meat entirely, thinking she cannot digest it. I think this a great mistake, but we cannot forget our enemies Lulu as I have given up trying.

The children are very well & have grown very much lately.

pleasant & profitable ones to you both.

We watched the papers most anxiously & finally Alfred's English paper announced that Mr Hearst had been "chosen" senator. We thought it must be all right from that, but waited for further proof, which came in good time.

I hoped to write you some time ago, & our good wishes are none the less hearty though a little late.

Your most welcome & much appreciated letter of Dec. 28th has been received & I was so very sorry to hear you had suffered so much during the last three months of your stay in San Francisco. I sincerely trust you are now much better.

We are, as you see, still in Lisbon, & very loth to fix a time for our departure.

But it must come sooner or later & we shall probably return to Paris some time in April, remain there a few weeks & then go to England for the Summer.

It is three years since I have been there & Alfred wants to try a Summer's work on English soil again.

resident engravers. She just served bouquets forth them. Mamma helped & I were invited by the kind Baroness Hewett to go with her in an open carriage.

These are wonderfully good people, & always thinking of making others happy.

Now my dearest friend, I will say Good bye for a little time. You are now in Washington, no doubt leading a very gay life. I hope you are able to enjoy it all. Aunt Emmie wrote that she so much enjoyed her little time spent with you. How brave she is! I think it wonderful.

Alfred joins me in love to you & with my own to Mr Hearst. Still again congratulating you, believe me as always your most devoted Emmie

Phoebe is almost out of babyhood, much to my regret.

She talks a great deal & is a charming little girl, very much admired by all.

I am glad you received the photograph of the children, & were pleased with it.

I must thank you for the charming cross & remembrance you so kindly sent me.

We have been quite gay - several parties & other entertainments. I have also enjoyed the opera very much. Some of the singers are really good & the orchestra is fine.

We have received a great deal of kindness here & have made some very warm friends -

Carnival is over & Lisbon quiet once more. It was a novelty to me & I enjoyed all the rights common at such a time. The streets were full of maskers & there was a great pelting of beans & "squirting" of scented water.

The prettiest part of Carnival however, was the battle of flowers which was inaugurated this year. The Queen & the Queens desire. She certainly showed her approval of the event, for she was present nearly all the afternoon, driving up & down in an open carriage with the crown prince & his charming French wife, the Princess Amelia. A few of the carriages were beautifully decorated with flowers & all threw small bouquets into each others carriages - it was a very gay & charming scene.

The Queen was of course the principal target & both she & the Princess returned the flowers throwing with great spirit

I am delighted to have Aunt Clara's perfect & as you say gives her character so well. Yours I like very much too. I shall greatly prize them as I have no other likeness of your face. Please thank Aunt Clara for altering them so nicely for me.

I will write soon again to Aunt Clara in answer to her nice letter which was forwarded to me from Paris, & also thank her for the two pictures she closed for me, which arrived three days ago in good condition. They are very pretty & nicely painted & I shall always keep & prize them as specimens of dear Aunt Clara's work.

What a pleasure it must be to her to resume her painting again.

Chillington, Nr. Lewes, Sussex
England July 19. 1888.

My dearest Aunt Emmie.

I have to thank you for your two very welcome letters, one received just before we left Paris, & the second of June 28th received a few days ago.

I have been much interested in your plans of going out to California. it seemed to me, considering all things, to be a very advantageous step to take; for although not the life you would most enjoy, as I can quite understand your feeling averse to teaching, still it will certainly be a great blessing to you to be able to be constantly

with dear Aunt Clara, etc,
I am sure needs your presence.

The life of the theatre must have been a most fatiguing, & I often wondered how you stood all that exposure & loss of rest.

I am sure dear Aunt Connie that to your friends & all those who love you, the opening am presenting itself to you will seem to promise a much better & healthier life than could have been possible in the career which you so bravely chose.

Providence seems often to have taken the matter into her own hands, & perhaps you will soon realize that it is for the best.

As for creation in your last letter that you & Aunt Clara expected to leave New York probably within a fortnight, perhaps you are already on your way to California.

I hope soon to hear of your safe arrival & that you have found a pleasant home in Southern California.

Your heart is, as you say, an angel. No one realizes it & has more cause to do so than I, for to her I owe all my great blessings in life. Had she not so generously brought me to Europe, I should never have met my darling, good husband.

I must now thank you & dear Aunt Clara for the charming photos of yourselves, which

remain to wear Clara. In although she cannot see him often, she can hear from him in such a short time - perhaps later she can go to New York when the heat is over.

Clara seems to have really enjoyed her trip to L. I.

I hope, dear Aunt Emmi, that you will write to me again & tell me of your surroundings & how you are situated. If you do go to Coligny please give my love to your Aunt Annie & all her family - also to any of my old friends you may see.

We are going to move in Paris on our return there in Octo September - our new address will be: 91 Avenue de Villiers.

Alfred sends love to you both & with a large share from myself, believe me, dear Aunt Emmi,

Always your affectionate niece
Emily Read -

I am so glad you like the photos of the children. They look so happy in the pictures because it was such an amusement to them to put on their little fancy costumes, which I made for them to go to a children's party given on "Grandi Jour" at the home of one of the best French artists - I wish you both could have seen the children in life they looked very much.

Phebe is a little beauty. If she grows up with the face she now has she will be sure to play hare with some young men's hearts. But she has time & grow very ugly before that period arrives, so perhaps I had better not waste any sympathy on her prospective victims.

Eleanore is a dear little boy,

he is as fond as a healthy active boy ought to be - I don't think too much ought to be expected of young specimens of the other sex - It seems right & ah least natural that they should be born with a good share of the old Adam in them.

We are spending the summer in England & are occupying the same farmhouse lodgings that we had last year. It is such an nice quiet, healthy life for us all.

The children enjoy it immensely - have so many sources of interest & pleasure. They often go for a drive in a funny little low cart or chaise, & lately the pet attraction has been the hay fields.

But everything has been spoiled by the awful weather we have had for the last six weeks.

It has rained on an average every other day I should think. This has interfered sadly with our sketching, but we hope a change will soon come.

Dear Lulu is going to pay us a visit in Paris next year. She will see the exhibition & I hope will enjoy the change - we are much looking forward to seeing her. Then I hope we shall be able to return with Lulu to Lisbon to see dear Papa & Mamma.

Is it not sad about poor Mr Sharpe's death! what a terrible blow it must be to his wife. I was very much shocked to hear it.

What a fortunate thing it is that Littleton is able to

Cintra 24 Aug. 1914

Dear Mr Wynn

Mr Neill has given me your queries which I have answered categorically to the best of my knowledge in the space left for replies. My wife understood from Mr Neill yesterday that though this Wynn had been registered in the British Consulate at San Francisco as a British subject she had from permission to elect to adopt United States nationality on coming of age. Should she do so of course there would be no question of her being married at the British Consulate. As to this & her intended husband would be American citizens. If however she has not as yet taken this step

Cantu
Klein & Heinz Wynn

She could of course be married at the Consulate - And her marriage to an American Citizen would I need not say settle the question of her Nationality on the same side as if She had elected to be a United States Citizen before the marriage. Assuming then that She retains her British Nationality for the purpose of being married at the British Consulate - the only difficulty would be the length of residence required of her fiancé - Which as You will see from my answers to the Queries cannot in any case be less than 27 or 28 days. i.e. something over 3 weeks; one Calender month of which must be immediately before the notice. This length of residence is fixed by Act of Parliament and it therefore essential. I fear this information is not satisfactory as I fear the Gentleman could not obtain a long enough leave to enable him to complete his residence here. And I am very sorry as it would have been a great pleasure to me to have officiated at Your Daughters marriage. Mrs Brackenbury and my Daughter unite with me in Kindest regards to Mrs Dyson and Your Daughter.

I am Dear very truly
Yours
George Brackenbury.

1 Gentleman An American Lady born in San Francisco but registered at English Consulate.

2

Can these two be married at the Protestant Church in Lisbon without the Ceremony of a Civil marriage.

2

No, the Chaplain would not marry them - and the marriage would be invalid if he did.

3

Is it necessary for the Gentleman to reside in Lisbon previous to the marriage -

3

In case of a marriage at the British Consulate one of the parties must be a British subject - and it must be so stated in the register. And both parties must have

resided within the Consul's
district for one Calendar
month before notice can be
given. Seven days after notice
given, the marriage can be
Celebrated.

4

Is a certificate necessary
from both the English &
American Legations or would
it be sufficient from one
or the other —

4

No notice or certificate
is necessary from either
Legation for a marriage
at the British Consulate.

Can they be married at
the English Legation by
especial license —

I have no authority to
speak as to Legation marriages
with the formalities requisites
for which I am entirely
unacquainted. Mr Pope
however in his Report on the
Church School &c for the U.S.
States, and I have reason
to believe correctly states
(at P. 79) as follows.
"I am informed that the
Foreign Office Instructions
do not allow these Legation
Marriages to be Celebrated
between an Englishwoman
and a Foreigner."
I (B.) must scarcely add
that they cannot of course
be celebrated between
2 Foreigners — —

Villa Bellevue. Arcachon
Gironde. March 22nd
[1895?]

I sent you a post-card a few days ago containing a subscription ticket for an exhibition in Paris.

My dear Mrs Hearst.

You must feel that I have neglected you lately. The truth is, I have felt very much like being lazy since we left Paris & after the long siege of nursing & anxiety I went through.

Let me first say how grieved we both were to hear how ill you have been with a complicated attack of influenza. It is a very serious malady when not checked at first.

Please give my love to Mrs Hearst.

Alfred is much better. I am glad to tell you that

great deal, the difficulty & pain of breathing being caused by the fractured rib -

Luckily the improvement has been rapid & he is up today for the first time. Cold is the thing to be most avoided as it sometimes causes pleurisy.

I am rather tired after such constant nursing.

Poor Lulu too has passed a trying week. She has been suffering from abscesses caused by a wisdom tooth & has had to have them lanced twice, suffering a great deal.

I sincerely trust Lorenzo, that you have before this quite recovered from all effects of this illness + are able to thoroughly enjoy the arrangement of your own home.

We should so like to know how the coffee suits the place where it is to live -

We received the cheque + you said your letter was coming in another envelope - it has never appeared however, I fear you the way of many other letters.

I am sorry to have to give you a bad account of my dear husband - A week ago he was returning from a hunt when his horse fell + Alfred was thrown violently to the ground. As he was going very fast at the time the shock was severe + Alfred was knocked insensible, being very much bruised + slightly fracturing one rib - He got home with difficulty, being several miles away when the accident occurred.

You can imagine my anxiety + trouble at seeing him in such a condition. He suffered a

that is no objection to us, & there are some very pleasant English people who are friendly & sociable & they have all been most kind & attentive during dear Alfred's illness.

We have a delightful house, very roomy, airy & sunny & commanding splendid views of the lower town & bay of Arrochon. This place is quite unique & has a charm & character of its own. The only drawback being the monotony of the pine woods. Alfred may find difficulty in getting subjects for painting, although there are delightful little donkeys to pose. I like the pine woods & hope to paint a good deal.

I fear this is a very scrawly, untidy letter, but if you knew how many times I have been interrupted, whilst writing it, you would understand it. Alfred & Luker join me in best love. Rhoda is more blooming & fatter than ever. She & Winnie send kisses. Hoping soon to hear from you & of your entire recovery, I am as always your devoted Emmie.

She can only take food in a soft or liquid form. It is such a pity this trouble has come as she was beginning to look heaps again after her long illness in Paris.

We had intended, she & I, to leave on the 6th of April for Lisbon where I will stay a fortnight to visit my parents. This seemed my only way of seeing them at all. My father cannot possibly leave Lisbon, owing to the state of Aunt Susan's health. & when we could have gone down to Lisbon en masse it is impossible to say. So, much

as I dislike leaving my dear husband & children, I think it best not to postpone seeing my father & Mother any longer. He may, however, have to wait for another steamer

I am thankful to tell you that this place has made the most wonderful change in Hymie. He has not had an hours illness or indication of delicacy since we arrived, six weeks ago. The air here is splendid. the pine woods are all about us & the invigorating odours of the resin combined with the good sea air are very efficacious in all lung & bronchial diseases, the latter especially. The climate is certainly of the most wonderful cures in cases of delicate children. It is our firm opinion that Hymie ought to spend the next two or three years of his life here. Whether we shall remain here ourselves, or put him to school I don't know.

There are several good colleges in Ceuachon.

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& children, but my desire to see my Father & Mother was so great, & going alone was my only way of doing so, that I tried to be courageous & determined to go.

You can imagine how happy we were all together for the four weeks I spent in Lisbon. It was the first time our family had been united in twelve years. My dear Father & Mother seemed so happy to have their three daughters with them again. Our home-coming had a very good effect on my Mother's health She began to improve at once, & her eyes were wonderfully better. But she is very frail & far from strong.

My dear Father I found much aged in the last three years. This is so sad to see - one notices changes so much after several years' absence - He is still quite active but not as he was when I last saw him -

I stayed with our kind friends the Baron & Baroness Howorth while I was in Lisbon, as Mamma's house is so small. But I spent most of my time at home - Clara has a small apartment just opposite - takes her

here, although it is not quite the country we should choose. There is too much pine forest. This place is delightful in the Spring, but we may find it rather hot later on. However we are advised to spend the summer here on hygienic account, as the bathing is so good - the water in the bay gets quite warm, therefore the shock will not be too great for him. We have a most delightful house. All my family in Lisbon are going to the seaside for three months & I hope this change will do them all good - my dear Brother especially. She has had so many years in Lisbon without any change of air -

Now my dear Mrs Hearst, I have written you a great deal about ourselves. My only excuse for doing so is the knowledge that you take an interest in us. I wonder if you have Phoebe's portrait yet? Alfred joins me in best love to you - He would like to know if there is likely [illegible] a further rise in "Ontario" & if "Hyperion" will resume [illegible] large dividends. Always my dear Mrs Hearst

Yours very devoted Emmie

occupy him outside. I am thankful to say he is improving wonderfully in health. This place suits him admirably & we hope he will get quite well & strong. The sea air & pine woods seem to be very strengthening & healing to all children with weak chests.

By doing a great many Sysmnastic exercises for the development of the lungs, plenty of fresh air & good food I hope we may have the happiness of seeing our dear boy get well.

Phoebe is a blooming as ever & she is growing so rapidly. The

is such a good child & very anxious to learn. I teach her & Hyacinth myself & devote an hour & a half to them every day. Phoebe only studies half an hour, but she is improving rapidly & will soon read. It is amusing to see her - she takes it all so seriously & tries so hard. She looks so pretty over her writing when her fluffy hair tumbles all about her face - You would enjoy seeing her, I am sure.

Hyacinth is very good too & I try to get him on as much as possible, but the doctor says he is not to be taxed in any way, so that is why I prefer teaching him myself just now. I hope next winter he will be able to go to school here.

I missed dear Lulu so much when I came back & the house seemed quite lonely. She has had & is still having a dreadful time with a wisdom tooth, which appears to be diseased at the root.

Do you intend going out to California this summer? I hope Mrs Hearst is quite well - is there any chance of you persuading him to come to Europe? I fear he is too well satisfied where he is -

Alfred & I are painting as usual. We find plenty of things to do

Les Sablines, Arcachon
Gironde, France Dec 16th
1890

My dearest Mrs Hearst

I find the days have slipped by without my noticing how near xmas was approaching + I fear my letter may not be quite in time to wish you a very Merry Christmas - You may be sure we will think of you -

I have been so sorry to hear that Mr Hearst's health has not been satisfactory lately.

improvements in drainage &c.

Dear Phoebe seems to be settling on very well. he is free from cold & is active + bright, having a splendid appetite.

Although the weather here is very bad + often intensely cold, it has no effect on Phoebe + he is out every day - The Winter seems to be an unusually severe one everywhere - In Paris the cold is intense + skating has been going on for weeks. I feel very thankful we did not take Phoebe there this winter.

We have been so fortunate as to let our Paris apartment furnished for the whole winter to friends.

I trust he improved when
you got back to Washington -
I have been so terribly
upset & unhappy lately about
my dear Father - Lulu has
perhaps already written you of
the dreadful operation he had
to undergo a few weeks ago
on the neck - his suffering
was intense as he was not
allowed to take chloroform -
My poor Father! what a
trial for him & witness all
this -
I know nothing of it till
all was over, as my Father
would not consent to my being
told, wishing to spare me as
much anxiety as possible.
We moved into Arcachon
a fortnight ago, as the house at
Gruilleau we discovered to
be in a most unsanitary
condition. It is really dreadful
the state of most of the houses
in this place - No attention
whatever is paid to good drainage, & ill people come, as we
did, & live in such unhealthy
places. I am sure it must
often undo all the good they
derive from the fine forests.
The house we have is quite
new & has many modern

How very generous you have been in giving Lulu such a beautiful trousseau. I hope she may be well & able to enjoy wearing all her pretty things.

I hope you will send me photos of your lovely rooms. By the way, have you received Uncle's portrait by Mr Yeamish?

We have arranged a bedroom in the house as a studio & both work a great deal. Alfred has plenty of studies made during the summer & will paint some pictures. I am doing forest subjects from the windows, for we are surrounded by pine forests.

Now my dear friend, I will say adieu, with warmest love & best wishes for a Happy New Year - in all of which Alfred & the children join. Give my love to Mr Hearst. Hoping soon to hear from you, believe me

Always yours devotedly
Emmie.

It is such a blessing to us in our present very cramped financial condition. We have an inexpensive house here & I have dismissed one servant.

If it is a possible thing, I am very anxious to go to Lisbon, or rather Cintra, in the Spring, for a few months.

My dear Father's critical state of health makes me long to be near him. Lisbon is not a healthy city & Alfred is not willing to take Tommie there, but we might stop in Cintra & any Aunts house, is at our disposal

As you know, dear Lulu leaves

Lisbon on the 30th of this month & will go direct to Liverpool -

Clara's husband is expected in Lisbon today - What a joyful meeting that will be, after such a long separation.

I hope we may get a glimpse of my brother-in-law at Bordeaux as they take a steamer which stops there en route for England - I wish they could all come & pay us a little visit here, but it seems impossible for them to do so.

My dear husband has had some encouragement in his painting lately - The London firm of Goupil (Goupil Boussod, Valadon & Co) has taken interest in Alfred's work - sold two of his pictures a few weeks ago & asked him to send them five more -

His pictures are received at all the exhibitions & he sold a large picture at the "Institute" in London a few days ago -

This is encouraging - I fancy Alfred may have some success when we settle in London - this we have decided to do as soon as Hyppolite's health enables us to go North for the winters -

Lisbon, Feb. 19th 1891.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

The were both inexpressibly shocked to hear of Mr Hearst's very serious illness & we have thought so much of you in your great trouble & anxiety. The news reached me the day before we left Arcachon, & on our arrival in Lisbon, a week ago, we found letters from Lulu & Clara, giving a more hopeful

be much grown & looking very well. Phymie has improved greatly during the Winter at Arcachon & the doctors say he will now get quite strong & well, & will be able to go to school in England next Winter. This is a great relief to our minds.

We are all stopping with the Baron & Baroness Haussath, who are among the dear kind people one sometimes meets with in the world, who always think of others.

Next week we intend moving to Cintra, where we will

account of Mr Hewlett.

We all wait anxiously for further news of him.

Lulu said that you were taking as much rest as you could + were not feeling quite so tired when she last wrote. The strain + anxiety must be very great.

Lulu gives the most enthusiastic accounts of your lovely home. + with the aid of the fine photographs you have sent to Mamma we have been able to form quite a good idea of your home.

It is such a happiness to me to be with my dear Father + Mother, + they seem so glad to have us all. I find my Father looking wonderfully well, better, I think, than when I was here last year. Mamma also looks well, for her, + seems so much stronger since her trip to the sea-side last year. Her eyes are much better.

Winnie + Phoebe are so happy to be with Grandpa + Grandpa. They are thought to

occupy my Aunt's house for
the next two or three
months. Cintra is looking
lovely now & will be very
pleasant I think. Dear
Papa & Mamma will come
sometimes to see us there
& I will come to Lisbon,
so we will often meet.

It seems so strange not
to find dear Lulu here. I
am glad for her sake she
is not; the complete change
of scene will greatly benefit
her, - I know, if she is able

to be of any assistance to you in this trying time, it gives her great happiness &

Aunt Susan seems very feeble & helpless; I find a great change in her since last year.

Alfred joins me in much love & every sincere wish for dear Mrs Hearst's recovery.

I must not forget to thank you for the charming calendar you so kindly sent me.

Hymie & Phoebe send love to you.

Always, dear Mrs Hearst

Yours devotedly

Emmie

Alfred will be so grieved when he hears of your sorrow, so I can add expressions of his heartfelt sympathy to my own.

Give best love to dear Lulu. It must be a comfort to you to have your son near you. Please remember me to him & give him my sympathy.

Always your very devoted

Emmie.

Our address is: Arrabalde, Cintra Portugal.

69 Rua Nova S. Francisco de Paula
Lisbon, March 1, 1891.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

It is with the deepest sorrow that I have just heard of the death of dear Mr Hearst. Your cable to Mamma came this morning & when it was brought in, we all feared it might contain the sad news, which we found only too true on opening it.

You know, my dearest Friend, how truly we all feel for, & grieve with you in this dark hour.

The only comfort is to feel that the dear sufferer is at rest, after such long weary weeks of pain.

I only trust your own health has not been too much affected by your great anxiety & fatigue.

You will indeed need rest & quiet after all is over. We shall be with you in spirit during the next few days. My dear husband does not yet know of your loss, for he is in Cintra, where we moved on the 26th. I only came up yesterday with Papa to spend the night at home & return to Cintra this evening.

We wonder whether Lulu was with you at the last. In her letters, received two days ago, she was on the eve of her departure for Florida & expected to be away twelve days. She would wish to be near you at such a time & I hope is so.

You can imagine what a happiness it is to me to be near my dear parents. Although living now in Cintra, we can often meet & the air there is better for the children. Hyacinth has not suffered in the least from the change of climate since leaving Aranhuez. He is looking better than he has done for over two years & seems gaining steadily in strength. The doctors say he will now become quite well & strong. This favorable report is so comforting.

Phoebe was not well before we left Lisbon & had some fever. I am glad to get her into the country.

We hope to remain in Cintra till some time in May, when we go to England to put Hyacinth to school somewhere in the country & then intend to take a small house near him where we can watch over him.

It is our intention to settle permanently in England now, if Hyacinth can stand the winters there.

Now my very dear Friend, adieu.

Wolborough, Newton Abbot
Devonshire. Oct. 26 '91.

Mrs. Elias
Mrs. A. Elias.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I have allowed too long a time to elapse without writing to you.

Since last I did so, I hear you have returned to your home in Washington for a short time. I hope you found all in a satisfactory state. It must have been sad returning to the spot where you had so recently witnessed suffering & death. But no doubt these painful impressions have become less

questions to ask Lulu about you - it seemed almost like having a glimpse of yourself, being able to talk to one who had so recently been with you. I found dear Lulu greatly improved in health & in every way, by her visit to you. She showed me all the beautiful presents you made her & we talked over & admired your great Kindness.

Alfred's two sisters have been staying here for two months & they attended to everything & looked after Nyanie while I was away. The last visit I paid to Sheffield I took Phoebe with me.

vivid, surrounded as you
probably now are in your
beautiful home with cheerful
companionship & associations.

Since I wrote to you.
I have been twice to Sheffield
to see my poor dear Father.

It was only a mournful
pleasure to me, as I had
to witness his great suffer-
ing, both mental & physical.

He is indeed to be pitied
with this terrible malady
upon him. His patience
& courage under it all are
wonderful to see, but sum-
times even he faints by the
wayside & feels his load too
heavy to bear.

I don't know what to think
of the treatment he is following.
Whether it can reach a case
so far advanced as my
poor Father's I know not.

The doctor is greatly in-
terested in the case & is
using all his skill to try
& combat the disease. I must
confess I have very little
hope of any good result.

Dear Lulu is such a comfort
to Papa. She tries to cheer & amuse
him with her music & in a
measure succeeds & makes
the time pass less drearily
for him. I had so many

spare the time from other duties. My work is a great comfort + pleasure to me, now that we have to live such quiet lives. There are some nice people living here, but very little in the way of art appreciation or knowledge among them, I fancy.

My poor dear Mother has passed through a very trying time of loneliness + anxiety. I fear she is in a very bad state of health. My father says that unless some decided change for the better occurs in his condition, he will soon return to Lisbon.

I sincerely hope your health is now quite restored. I cannot tell you what a pleasure it is to me to possess those splendid photographs of your home. I look at them + fancy I can see you walking about in the beautiful rooms. Many thanks for them. I should so much like to have one of those splendid large photographs of

we are leading a quiet life in our country home. I think we shall be happy here when we have a home of our own - are surrounded by our pictures, furniture + other little treasures. For the next nine months we must remain in this furnished house as we took it for a year.

Thymie, I am thankful to say, is proving to be quite a strong boy. His lungs are now pronounced sound. You can understand what a comfort

dear Mr Haupt. Is it too much to ask? My dear husband joins me in kindest wishes and love to you + the children and also our dear Mrs Hart. Yours affectionately Jessie Conan Doyle

this is to us, & makes up
for many worries & anxieties
we now have in other ways.

Phoebe is very well & is
the picture of health, with
such bright eyes & rosy cheeks.

There is a splendid boys
college here which Hymie
attends as a day boy - he is
thoroughly happy & is study-
ing so well.

Phoebe has a daily gover-
ness, but we may decide
to send her to school
for a few hours each day.

I think she would greatly
enjoy the companionship
of other little girls - it is
rather lonely for her since
Hymie has been going to
school.

I enclose some extracts
from Exeter papers on the
subject of an exhibition
which Alfred is holding
in that city, of some
of his pictures & sketches.

The exhibition looks very
well & has attracted a good
deal of attention. I am
sorry to say however, that
very few have been sold.
This may come in time.

I paint whenever I can

7 Robertsfield Place
Tonbridge, Kent.
May 13, 1892

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

Both Alfred & I are deeply touched by your kind letter of sympathy, received yesterday from my dear Mother.

It is indeed comforting to feel we

ing indisposition -

I write you that we had chosen a house & only waited for the drains to be examined. They are reported to be unsatisfactory, but I fancy the landlord will do what is required to put them right -

With our united best love & many, many thanks, believe me always, dear Mrs Hearst,

Yours dutifully
Emmie.

I hope you will receive my letter sent a few days ago thanking You. This may just reach you before you sail.

have the kind sym-
pathy of so dear a
friend, & helps us in
these troublous times.

We thank you most
sincerely for your very
generous wish to
assist us, & when I
see you, I will talk
over our affairs with
you.

I have a plan of
teaching painting here,
by which I hope to give
my dear husband some
help, now that there
is need of it.

Alfred owned, I course
be glad to teach also,
but he hopes to make
use of his knowledge
in another way -

Dear Phoebe, I am
sorry to say, is not
very well, but I hope
it may only prove a pass-

Dry Hill Tonbridge
Kent. June 27, 1892

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I hope you will forgive me for not having written to you sooner, as I fully intended doing, to express our appreciation of all your kindness to us, & to tell you how much we all enjoyed our delightful visit to you.

The children have

So many thanks for the nice skirts you have given me - for the pretty light dress for Phoebe - it will make her a charming winter suit -

I expect you are all thoroughly enjoying Paris & all its sights -

I think you told me your address is care ~~London~~ the Anglo Californian Bank, London -

As you told me you intended sending a cheque to Alfred with your Boy, I only wish to tell you that it did not come, in case there is any mistake about it -

Warmest love from us all, my dear Mrs Hearst, & very kind wyshes to all your party.

I am as ever
Yours devotedly
Emmie.

talked a great deal of it ever since -

We have had a very hard, fatiguing week -

Our furniture was arriving for three days & since then, we have been trying to get settled - It seems almost an endless task, the house being in the greatest confusion from top to bottom - However, we are working steadily & in time I suppose things will fall into their proper places.

Our house is really very nice, & quite wonderful considering the small rent we pay - It will look very pretty & think when all in order -

Clara has another boy, the child were doing well when I last heard.

Littleton Jr. is very pleased with the baby, he told the nurse he had ordered a girl but a boy would do -

Your trunk & boy arrived -

I hope you are thoroughly enjoying your trip. I have been thinking of you as being at Bayreuth during the past few days - am I right?

I have been confined to my bed for a fortnight with an attack of fever - not very severe, but very persistent. I am still in bed & may have to remain there for some time longer - It is such a disappointment, as I was looking forward to some outdoor painting after I got the house in order.

I hope you have received any letters.

Alfred & Phoebe join me in much love. Phoebe is better. has been away for a week visiting an aunt of Alfred's. Flynn has gone there now & Phoebe is at home. With kind remembrances to Will - the rest of your party, believe me, dear Mrs Hearst always yours devotedly Emmie.

Dry Hill, Tonbridge
Kent - Aug. 13, 1892.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

You have no doubt already heard of the death of our dear Aunt Clara, on the 12th July -

She was so helpless that we cannot but feel she is happily released, but it is sad losing her. Poor Aunt Emmie! she is, I know, terribly grieved, & I am alone

can reconcile her to the loss of her dearly-loved sister, who has been the object of her tender care for so long - At first Aunt Emmie's life will seem a blank to her, but I trust that she will gradually find other objects of interest, & perhaps be able to find more congenial surroundings than have been possible for her during the past few years of her life -

My dear Mother is of course much grieved, but she feels it is best to have her sister taken before she became entirely helpless - My Mother's first news of her loss came to her through the notice in the Examiner - It was a shock, & I think a letter must have been lost, for some of the family in S.F. would surely have written her of the death of Aunt Clara -

Dry Hill, Tonbridge.
Aug. 30, 1892.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

When I last wrote to you, about a fortnight ago, I think, I was suffering from an attack of fever.

This tiresome trouble has gone on for such a length of time. It seems to be a sort of low fever, accompanied by daily chills. It is now over four weeks since I went to bed.

delighted with it. Alfred found he could get two dresses for the very liberal amount you gave me, so the second dress is a nice warm winter material of Phoebe's usual blue, made in the same way as the white one. Then are two very useful additions to her wardrobe, for which I sincerely thank you.

Alfred sinks hard, when not interrupted by my wants & demands upon his time - The summer has been very fine, & I have been in a state of mind bordering on desperation to have had to lie in bed during these weeks of splendid summer weather - do no painting! I told Alfred if the fever could only have put itself off till Winter, I should not have minded it. Alfred & the children join one in much love - with kind regards to all your party. believe me, dear Mrs Hearst, Yours ever cordially Emma

The fever has nearly gone, but I still have chilly sensations every day, showing that the malaria or blood poisoning has not yet quite left my system. I think I was quite run down in health & it took very little to bring on this illness.

I get up for a few hours now every day & even change the room, & as soon as I am strong enough, Alfred intends taking me to the sea side for a little time, as I fear I may remain weak & useless for months unless I get a change of air.

I hope you are very well & thoroughly enjoying yourself. I trust you are nowhere near the cholera. How sad this outbreak of the dreadful malady is. Let us hope it may soon be overcome.

Phoebe has her pretty dress from Liberty's, which you so kindly gave her. She had to town intended taking her up, the very week I became ill, so Alfred had to do the shopping alone. He chose a soft creamy white dress, all smocked in true Liberty style. Phoebe is

to America.

I am glad to hear from my dear Mother that she hopes to come & pay us a visit before she returns to Lisbon. the children are very excited at the prospect of seeing her & aunt Lulu.

We had a very pleasant visit from Mr Milburn a few days ago. I found him very little altered in the twenty two years since I last saw him. He talked much of you.

The children join me in warmest love to you. Please remember me to Will & to your friends.

Hoping that we may soon meet, believe me, my dear Mrs Hearst,

Always your most devoted

Connie.

Dry Hill, Tonbridge
Kent. Oct: 27, 1892.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

By this time you have had a meeting with my dear Mother, & what a joy it has been to her I well know.

Oh! what a blessed change it is to her, after so sad a life as she has had. I cannot tell you how thankful I feel to you for so kindly arranging this pleasure for her & Lulu.

I hope they are looking fairly well, & have not felt the cold too much, coming from

so mild a climate -

I hope that you will have enjoyed your visit to Spain - the festivities must have been very interesting -

As you expect to leave for America the middle of November, I fear we shall have but a fleeting view of you on your way through London -

I am now quite well again & able to paint a good deal - I have two garden pictures well placed at the "Institute" in London -

Tomorrow I begin teaching a lady who is coming to paint with me in my studio, & I hope that other pupils may follow -

My dear husband is away at Newmarket, where he has gone to make some studies of race horses. Neither of us like the separation, but he thinks it may eventually lead to some lucrative work -

The children are well & happy & very busy at school - I think they are both improving in their studies -

You must have seen a great many interesting things during your travels & will have much to think of when you return

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Dry Hill, Tonbridge.

June 26, 1895.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I have waited for the last few days to write to you, as I hoped to see my Brother before doing so, & thus be able to give you a little news of her. She & Lulu arrived last Sunday,

poor farmers – Alfred & I are doing as much painting as possible.

We received the cheque from Lives & Allen yesterday, for which we send our heartiest thanks. You are really too good to us, dear Mrs Hearst, & the difference it makes in our lives I can perhaps scarcely express to you. The children are well & they & Alfred join me in best love.

We often talk of our delightful visits to you. I send this to Lives & Allen as I don't know your address & will write again after I have seen my Mother

Always yours devotedly Emmeline

but I have not yet seen them, as they asked me to wait till they got settled in London before I went up. So I did, and we are going to spend a day or two with them at the end of this week - They had a very good passage & my Mother was not very ill -

I hope you enjoyed your stay in Paris & found Will in good health. I trust you are taking better yourself & do not overtax your strength. Perhaps you are now taking your Northern voyage. I forget the date you told me for your departure.

We are having the most lovely weather, tho there is not a drop of rain, & the fields are looking bare & brown - it is sad for the

Dry Hill, Tonbridge.
Nov. 17, 1895.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

We looked in the papers anxiously for the notice of the safe arrival of your steamer, & a few days later, Alfred received a note from Eives & Allen, informing us of the fact - stating you were all well - This news gave us much pleasure - I trust you feel all the better for your rest on board - I know

ance of former years -

The children are very well - Phoebe is greatly excited over a little play which is to take place at her school in a few weeks - it is to be taken from "Alice in Wonderland" - Phoebe is to be Alice -

Now my dear Mrs Hearst I will say good bye - Alfred & the children are out, but I send much love from them all with mine - We are very happy & comfortable & working hard - I hope you will rest now that you are at home.

Eives & Allen wrote to ask what they should do with my picture, as it came too late to go with your things - Alfred advised them to communicate with you on the subject -

Always yours most devotedly

Emmeline Pankhurst

you always can rest as you are not sick, & people cannot reach you to bother you - We so very much enjoyed the few hours we all spent near you in London, & thought you were so very kind to have us, when you were quite overwhelmed with all the things you had to do in two days - I assure you no one could have appreciated it more than we did - My dear Mother too, was so happy, & I am sure she will very often think of the valued talks she had with you.

I spent the last two days with her in London, & Alfred & I saw her & Lulu off on Friday morning - It made me very sad to say good bye, for at my Mothers age the future may always be uncertain, at least there is more danger - Just as they sailed, a terrible storm of wind & rain began, & it has blown a gale almost ever since, so I fear they must have had a very rough voyage, at least in the beginning - Luckily it is not a long trip, & they ought to arrive tomorrow (Monday) morning - Mamma & Lulu saw a good deal of Orrin Peck while he was in London & much enjoyed renewing the old acquaint

Dry Hill, Tonbridge
Nov. 26, 1893.

My dearest Mrs. Hearst -

I think Lulu told me that your birthday came early in December, & I send a few lines to express our good wishes for many happy returns of the day. I hope you are feeling much better, & have been able to get

Mrs. Hearst,
Nov. 27/93

a good rest since your return to America -

I wrote to you a few days ago, so there is not much to tell you about ourselves - The children are well -

I have heard from Lisbon of the arrival of my dear Mother & Lulu - They had a bad passage unfortunately, & I am afraid my Mother has been rather upset by it -

We are having golden weather - it feels like Winter -

Alfred & the children join me in warmest love & best wishes - We hope Annie & Agnes are well - Phoebe sends them her love -

Always dear Mrs Hearst,

Yours devotedly

Emmie -

Dry Hill, Tonbridge -
March 8, 1896 -

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My dearest Mrs Hearst -

Your kind letter, telling me of the safe arrival of my picture, reached me some time ago - I feel very pleased & flattered that you should have it in your music room, & am so glad you like having it -

in Paris -
& are now quite well -

I am sure you will be glad to hear that I have an order to paint the portrait of a young girl here - The picture is to be the size of the one you have, & I am to get £75 - it is not a very big price, but it is such good practice, may bring other work - We have also sold a few small pictures lately - Alfred has painted some very nice ones during the Winter -

Phoebe sends love to Agnes - Annie is, I suppose, still in Boston -

We all send you our best love & thanking you for your continued great kindness to us, Always yours devotedly

Emmie -

Phoebe was wondering whether you often have that delicious duck of the "Tour d'Orgent"

I have been trying to write to you for some time, but have been so occupied & fatigued, as the children have both been ill. Hyam had one of his bronchial attacks, which, happily, are now rare, & he was away from school for three weeks, only going back yesterday - Poor little Phoebe has been very miserable for nearly a month with what I think must have been influenza, & during this time she has had several separate attacks of heavy cold & fever - The last relapse was quite serious - we feared a bad illness, which luckily has passed off, & after being ill bed for nine days, she got up yesterday & seems now the worse for it - I must be very careful of her for some time, however. We were so very sorry to hear you had also been suffering from the "grip", but I hope you had no return of the trouble

Dry Hill, Tonbridge.
Sept. 25th 1896.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

Alfred & I received your kind letters of Aug. 7th while we were at Aldeburgh - We are very glad to hear how much you are enjoying your charming California home. The complete rest & quiet which you find there must be of the greatest benefit to you.

Alfred & I did a fair amount of work while we were away.

It is pleasant being in our own home again, especially as the weather is very wet & stormy. The children have just commenced school, after the long Summer holidays - they both look very well. I send you photos of myself & Phoebe, which were taken a few weeks ago.

We all send our best love to you, & Phoebe sends a special share to Annie & Agnes -

Always, dear Mrs Hearst,
Yours devotedly
Emmie -

After the innumerable calls upon your time & strength which you always have to support in larger places, it must be a great relief to put yourself beyond the reach of all. I am sure the Spanish house must be charming. We are very pleased to hear the Collie has turned out so well & that you like having him. I am glad your sons health is better. What a fine thing his paper will be & it must be a source of great satisfaction to you as well as to your son that in spite of all the opposition he had to contend with, the "Journal" is making its way.

We returned to Tunbridge on the 18th having spent some weeks very pleasantly at the sea-side. My dear Mother very kindly sent us a nice little sum for this purpose. The children both had friends where we were, which added greatly to their enjoyment.

Dry Hill, Tonbridge -
May 26, 1897 -

My dearest Mrs Hearst -

I wrote you last I think, from the sea-side, where we spent a few days during the children's holidays. We are now at home again & all busy -

Alfred has been in France for a fortnight. he went to Paris, expecting to meet a friend who had invited him to travel with him in Germany. Unfortunately this friend was taken seriously ill, & could not travel,

ago from America that you were coming to Europe. I only hope it is true. We were so pleased to receive the Easter number of The "Journal", thank you for sending it to us. It is a very fine publication, & the illustrations are excellent. Your son must employ the best talent. I hope the paper is succeeding as well as it deserves to do.

Now dear Mrs Hearst, adieu - The children join me in best love -

Now that the Spring has come, Phoebe is constantly on her bicycle - She has some friends who ride, so she goes with them & so much enjoys it. Hyme has not much time during the term.

Always yours devotedly

Emmie.

I send you a photo of Phoebe as "Titania". The margin had to be cut, as the P.O. would not take it -

so this pleasant trip has not taken place. However, Alfred has gained a good deal from seeing all the good pictures in Paris - he stopped on the way through France in a charming part of the country, where he has made a great many sketches - hopes to use them for future pictures. He will return home on June 1st

I have lately finished a miniature portrait - it is so much liked that I have been asked to paint a duplicate of it for another member of the family - This is very encouraging.

If a few more orders come, I will raise my price, but one must be satisfied with a little in the beginning in order to tempt people to try it, especially in this small place - I ask only £5 - Still, it is better than nothing -

There is so much to see in London just now - I thought of you wished you were with me when I went to exhibitions - The loan collection at the Guild Hall is very good - it is composed of pictures which have been painted during Queen Victoria's reign -

We heard a rumour some time

St. Valentin auf der Haide
Tyrol, Austria. July 24, 1899.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

Here we are, all comfortably settled for a time in this lovely place. We left England on the 12th - after a very good crossing - not too fatiguing journey, we came as far as Zurich, where we stayed an hour or two, & drove about to see the charming situation of the town on the lake. We then took the train to Thusen, a very pretty little Swiss village, where we spent the first night & had a good rest.

arranged for strangers - their needs. One soon becomes accustomed to the roughness, however, & the sinking is good. It is amusing watching the carriages arriving & departing, chiefly full of Germans & Austrians - one sees very funny people. We are the only people staying permanently in the inn, which is very nice. We have our meals on a little verandah, overlooking the lake & the grand snow mountains beyond, exactly when we like. We have a splendid view of the Ortler Spitz range, the highest mountains of the Austrian Tyrol & I don't think we have ever seen anything finer in Switzer-

It was delightful finding ourselves in the lovely mountains once more. The following day we went on to Landeck, a very picturesque place in the Tyrol, but rather noisy + stuck in. There we stayed two nights, so that Alfred could make enquiries as to places which might be suitable for us. We then came on here by coach, about eight hours drive from Landeck, through the most beautiful mountain scenery - It was an interesting journey, stopping at the post inns on the way - The drivers of the diligences + carriages are all in uniforms of blue or grey, trimmed with bright orange + they have feathers in their hats. We went down the mountain roads at a great pace + I felt rather nervous, but Alfred said the horses were very sure-footed + quite accustomed to their work. St. Valentine is a charming little village on the border of a beautiful little lake, the Haide see. We are stopping at the post inn, where all travellers come for refreshments + sometimes a night, on their way to + from the places in the higher alps. One does not find quite the comfort in the Tyrol that there is in Switzerland, where the pensions are everywhere

lovely home. You must feel glad to get back to it, after your long absence. I hope you found Agnes quite restored to health. Alfred tried to settle on a house before we left England, but he could not come to satisfactory terms in regard to those we liked - thought suitable so we will find one on our return in September.

I have written to Aunt Belle - told her I hoped she would go to Lisbon, so I trust Mamma will be satisfied about that matter. She wants her sister-in-law in her own house with her, next Winter. Now dearest Mrs Hearst, I will say good bye for the present. Alfred Hyme - Phoebe join me in best love to you - so many thanks for all your kindness. Always yours devotedly

Emmie.

land. The effects are most beautiful - ever-changing - the charm is enhanced by the whole being reflected in the lake below. I am painting the views in various effects, although it is a most difficult subject. Wyman has boating, fishing, bathing, climbing - a little shooting, so he is well occupied - is most thoroughly enjoying himself. Both he - Phoebe look so well - they have splendid appetites, in fact we all have. Phoebe rows a good deal on the lake - enjoys it so much. She is studying German very diligently

& has already learned a good deal, for nothing else is spoken by anyone in the house. I feel rather helpless to find myself suddenly dumb, but Alfred speaks German, so he does the ordering. Hyam knows the grammar very well, as German was one of the subjects he took for the Sandhurst examination & he will very soon become familiar with the language, hearing it spoken so much. Phoebe means to learn German & I am sure she will do a good deal while we are here. The peasant people are so nice. it is interesting living amongst them as we do here & seeing them at their work. The hay making has been going on & is very pretty. The dear little cows draw the hay carts & look so pretty. Alfred & I spend nearly all our time painting. We shall stay here for some time & then move elsewhere, so that Hyam can see a little more before he returns to England. Alas! he must leave us about the 11th of August. We shall miss him so much. I hope you had a pleasant journey out to California & are now enjoying your

8 Warwick Gardens
Kensington W. Dec. 9, 1899.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I send a few lines to wish you, from us all, a very happy Xmas + New Year. I hope you are in good health + able to enjoy everything just as I know you like to do. I heard from my Aunt Emmie that you intend spending the Winter in Berkely. How much you will enjoy that. I wonder if any of the new buildings

We are still in lodgings, although we hoped to be settled in our new home long before this, If we are able to move in a few days before Xmas, it is all we can expect. However, it will be so nice when we are there - all in order that we much not mind the delay - The final arrangements before signing the lease, have been complicated, owing to the fact that the landlord is building a studio for Alfred in the back garden. This is only just commenced

have been commenced yet - We have been most interested in reading the books you have so kindly sent us, giving a full description of this magnificent plan for the University. What a grand place it will be one day! The natural beauties are so great, that nothing will be lacking to make it as perfect a seat of learning as it is possible to imagine - How fortunate those students will be, who are permitted to pass some years of their lives in this charming spot, enjoying at the same time the finest educational advantages which the World can give. This is a great work, declared Mrs Hearst, & one worthy of all the care, time & attention which I know you are bestowing upon it - We are so glad to see the very nice portrait of yourself in the architectural book - The dress & whole arrangement are charming - the only thing I don't like about it is that your dear eyes are not seen enough -

16 Warwick Gardens.
London, Nov. 8, 1903.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I am afraid it is some time since I wrote to you. I have often wished to do so, especially since receiving the announcement you kindly sent us of your niece's marriage. I am sure this is an event which gives you pleasure, although perhaps not unmixed with sadness, as Annie will now have many other duties & calls upon her time. We all send our warm con-

hours a day. I watch her carefully & make her rest if I notice signs of fatigue.

Wynne is still in Uganda & seemed well & happy when we last heard from him, but he is anxious to get back to Somaliland, now that fighting is about to begin there again. Luckily, I don't think there is much chance of his doing so.

That beautiful plum coloured poplin dress you sent me has just been arranged for the Winter with just a little alteration in the bodice & sleeves. It will be most useful to me & is so handsome. Thank you so much for it.

I expect it will be some time before this letter reaches you, as it has to go out to California first.

Alfred & Phoebe join me in best love & in many good wishes for your birthday.

Always, dearest Mrs Hearst,
Yours devotedly,
Emmie.

gratulations on the event & wish Annie much happiness.

I saw Miss Peck not long ago, & she told me of the delightful trip you are now making with some friends. How you will enjoy India! it must be a wonderful country & I am sure you will derive much pleasure from your travels.

I do hope, dearest Mrs Heard, that we shall have the happiness of seeing you in England on your way back to America. It is more than four years now since we last met.

We are settled at home again after an absence of a few weeks during Phoebe's holidays. I have had so much trouble with servants during the last few weeks since our return, but hope now we may have some peace. They are very hard to get in England, especially in London & I find them very independent & careless, on account of the demand for them. It is a pity we have not a few Chinese over here, although I must say I prefer having white women about me.

My dear Mother has been in very feeble health during the Autumn, but I am glad to say she now seems much stronger.

Phoebe is very pleased with her new piano master & practises just as much as her strength will allow, about five

Hotel Brünig, Switzerland
Aug. 16, 1904.

My dearest Mrs. Hearst.

Alfred wrote to you the day after we arrived here & I now send you a few lines, which I hope will reach you before you leave Marienbad.

We all like this place very much & are enjoying ourselves immensely. The hotel is very pleasant, with airy sitting rooms & broad verandahs, where we sit a good deal & spend the evenings.

This hotel is very full, which seems to be the case with every mountain place in Switzerland & I think we are fortunate to have found rooms. The first two nights we had to sleep outside in a horrid noisy chalet. The post office at Engelberg has failed to forward our letters, so Alfred telegraphed about them today & I expect we will receive them tomorrow, as they have been sent off. I hope yours will be amongst them.

We all send you our best love.

Ever, dearest Mrs Hearst,

Yours devotedly

Emmie.

Mrs. Edwards

The grounds are pretty, with plenty of shady seats - there is a lovely wood quite near, where the walks are not too steep. Although no snow can be seen from the hotel, the mountain scenery is fine.

We were so sorry to hear your departure from Marienbad had been postponed, at least for our own sakes, but I hope the benefit you have received from the treatment is great - that you will derive much good health in consequence. We want you to come so much - are looking forward to the 24th.

Yesterday Wynn had a good climb - had a splendid view of snow mountains. He has had a good deal of practice in mountaineering with the Gorkhas in India. This fine air will give him so much strength before he returns to Africa.

I expect Marienbad has been very gay since the King went there, as probably many people are attracted to the place on that account.

16, WARWICK GARDENS,
KENSINGTON.

Oct. 19, 1904.

My dearest Mrs. Hearst.

I do hope you are now quite well again & have no more trouble from the inflammation in your eye. I am afraid this must have caused you a good deal of suffering. For you it must have been particularly trying as you always have so much important writing to do.

I am sorry to say Phoebe has but you may like to have it. I also send in the same packet some of the photographs he took during our travels & which he ordered to be printed for you.

Wynn must be at his destination by this time & I hope he is well & happy. It is sad to realize how very far away he is, & the impossibility of seeing him soon again.

We often think & talk of that lovely time spent in Switzerland & when we look at all the pretty post cards you gave Phoebe, & which she has arranged in a book, they bring everything back very vividly.

Alfred & Phoebe join me in best love.

Always yours devotedly

Emmie.

Mrs. Elias

not been very well for the last ten days - has had a slight gastric attack. She goes out & gets as much air as possible on the doctors orders, but he will not let her do any work yet. I hope she can begin again next week, as she is certainly better during the last two or three days. Colds & chills in various forms are very general in London, owing perhaps to the extraordinary changes in temperature. Just now it is very warm comparatively.

I hear that my dear Mother & Lulu have arrived safely in Lisbon, but were very tired. I am glad my Mother did not take cold before leaving these Northern climes, as she seemed so afraid of doing.

I expect you will be glad to be in Italy where the weather must be so lovely at this season of the year. I hope you will really rest there & get very strong.

I am sending you a photograph of Wynn taken while he was at home. I don't think it very good

16 Warwick Gardens.
London, Nov. 9, 1904.

My dearest Mrs Hearst:

We were so glad to receive your kind letter - it was very good of you to write. It is a pleasure to hear how much better you are - that your glasses enable you to use your eyes for some time every day, without fatigue. I do hope you will soon be entirely well again.

I am sure you must have made a great effort in seeing my dear Mother several times while you were so ill, but if you knew the great happiness you gave her - the joy she will have in

I am glad Miss Heron received the knife in time. We have informed Upton of the fact - also that she wrote to him at his club. Her letter has no doubt been forwarded.

You are probably just on the point of your departure from Paris - I hope you have someone to travel with you. How I wish I could have been near to do something for you during your illness.

It is a good thing you are going South before the greater cold begins.

It will be delightful to go to a sunny country. We have not had many fogs here yet, but of course this is the season for them - they usually do not disappoint us. Alfred - Phoebe join me in much love, - in wishing you a pleasant journey.

Always, dearest Mrs Hearst,
Yours devotedly
Emmie.

the remembrance of your sweet kindness & attentions to her, you would feel more than repaid. She has written me all about the happy meetings with you. I am sure you must have found her very feeble in comparison to what she was when you last met, for I was sad to see the change during the last three years. How I wish we did not live so far apart, so that I could be often with my dear Mother, now that she can go out so little & has so few things to cheer her in life.

Her Lisbon friends seem to find her improved by the recent trip to France & England. Lulu is very delicate too. I am happy to say that Phoebe is constantly improving, though her recovery has been slow, as the doctor predicted. I believe it usually is in these gastric attacks. She was probably already suffering in this way while we were abroad & she had that violent fit of sickness at Geneva. Phoebe eats no meat & scarcely any fish or fowl, but has very light nourishing food in the form of eggs, milk food of all kinds, as much cream as she can take. Farinaceous foods & fruits. This diet seems to suit her admirably. Her strength is returning.

We have not yet had a letter from Upm since he reached his destination, but the next African mail should bring us one.

16 Warwick Gardens -
London, March 8, 1906.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I hope you have had a very successful trip to Palestine - It must be a most interesting place to visit. I wonder if you have now returned to Egypt. We heard a few days ago, through Miss Peck, that your son is coming over early in April & that you will meet him in Paris.

I trust your health is very greatly improved from the quiet restful Winter you have had, especially in French Impressionists. I understand them less than the first I mentioned, but it has been very interesting to study this curious phase of Art in so complete a form.

Wynn was delighted to receive your card for Christmas - wrote that he was very much touched by your kind remembrance of him. He seems very well but writes that he does not like Uganda so much since his return & talks of going back to India next year -

My dear Mother is slowly regaining her strength after her illness.

Phoebe keeps well & has been able to work steadily. We hope to take her into the country for two or three weeks next month, during her holidays, which begin on April 5th. We shall not go far from London, but any good fairly bracing place with nice fields & trees will answer & she is longing for fresh air. Spring is so lovely in England, when the primroses are in blossom. Alfred & Phoebe join me in much love, & believe me, dearest Mrs Hearst, always yours devotedly Emmie.

Mrs. Edison

the desert. About ten days ago we invited a few friends to come & see us & the studios. Alfred had some new pictures to show & I collected about ten of my miniatures & placed them on velvet screens. Everything went off well & we had some fifty guests.

One of my servants became quite ill two days before the event, which was very inconvenient & gave me a great deal of extra work to do. However I got an old servant in, who cleaned all the silver & china & luckily by the afternoon the people came, our maid was well enough to open the door & announce them. Two extra maids were lent us by relations & these served the tea & coffee. We asked the Peskes but Jennie wrote afterwards to say they had "overslept the day" as she expressed it.

This is a season of great artistic interest in London. There are three splendid exhibitions now going on - those of Watts, Jantin Latour & Whistler. How I wish you were here to enjoy them, or rather perhaps I should wish they could be open when you do come. There has also been a very important exhibition lately of all the great

part, but is prompted by Nature struggling for necessary conditions to health.
Kate thinks that if Phoebe could almost live out of doors for a few months she would become stronger & her functions would act properly. She will then develope into a fine strong woman.
Kate thought it would not be well to stop Phoebe's work entirely, as it would makes her very unhappy & she would think too much about her own condition, & advised her doing it in moderation till she is stronger.
Aunt Sallie kindly brought small pictures by Alfred & me as well as giving me the miniature order & it seems to me we cannot possibly spend this money

1905 Mrs. Elliott

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16 Warwick Gardens
London, June 14, 1905.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I hope so much that you had a very pleasant voyage, with fine weather & feel better for the rest & quiet which I know you always enjoy at sea. I trust that you do not suffer now with your face.

I wished to write to you before this, but the day you sailed my Aunt Sallie gave me an order to paint her miniature - as I had only one week in which to get the necessary

sittings, I had to paint every hour possible - it was rather fatiguing.

Aunt Sallie sat for me every day for the whole morning. It was very pleasant having such nice long talks with her, all about California - many things of long ago.

My cousin, Dr. Kate is an interesting & clever woman, devoted to her profession & enthusiastic about her work. She gained much useful information, visiting the ship hospitals here, but could not get practical surgery, so her stay in London was short. She & hopes to find this practice in Paris or Berlin. I finished the miniature in time for my aunt's departure last Sunday & Kate thought it an excellent likeness of her mother.

They are staying in Paris with Aunt Belle.

I had no opportunity while you were in London of telling you what is the matter with Phoebe - her sole trouble is suppressed menstruation - you know this becomes serious if it continues after the age of maturity is reached. I told you of her longing for fresh bracing air. My cousin was most helpful to me about Phoebe. She says it is no mere whim on the child's

Nelson House, Heronsgate -
Rickmansworth, Herts. Aug. 17, 1905.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

Your kind letter of July 21st reached me two days ago - it gave us all much pleasure to hear from you - to know that you have arrived safely in California.

You do not say anything about your own health, so I hope you are very much better - do not suffer any more from your face trouble.

I am glad to hear you are now enjoying the fine mountain air - that will be sure to benefit you. I suppose by this time the house is quite finished - it must be a delightful place to spend

from Chorley Wood, where we stayed at first.

We have a very comfortable house, with a nice shady garden - two hammocks are swung under the trees - here Phoebe - I spend many delightful hours - Phoebe is now asleep near me in a hammock - I am on a steamer chair.

Phoebe is taking a thorough open air - rest cure - is seldom in the house except at night. In fact she has been longing to sleep in a hammock, but I thought I should find it rather chilly for myself if I came - took care of her. Alfred put up a tent this morning near the hammocks - in that I shall be quite comfortable.

I dare say Phoebe - I will try camping out, as the weather is very fine - dry just now - Alfred prefers a comfortable

the Summer in.

When Alfred wrote to you not long ago, I think he told you that my dear Mother & Lulu had arrived in London. Their coming was quite unexpected by me & I only heard of their decision the day they left for Paris. It is a great happiness to me to see my dear Mother again. I find her looking much better than she did last year & it is a marvellous thing that she was well enough to take such a long journey, after having been confined to her room & often to bed by rheumatism.

My Mother & Lulu ascribe her improvement to Christian Science, which they have been pursuing for some time. They have come to England almost entirely for the purpose of getting personal treatment in this Science. Lulu is also much improved & seems more cheerful than for a long time past. Let us hope the benefit to their health may continue.

It is very fortunate we had not made arrangements to spend the holidays a long way from London, as I should then have seen so little of my Mother. I go up sometimes & lunch with her. She may stay in London until the end of September, if the weather continues good.

I will give her your message about writing to her. She received the letter you wrote before leaving London. Although she looks so much better, I find her very feeble & so easily fatigued.

We are now in a most charming place for a few weeks, about two miles

yesterday - his health seems to have been good ever since he returned to Africa - The delightful trip with you in Switzerland last year was of immense benefit to him & was exactly what - he needed after four years spent in hot & relaxing climates.

I am sorry you hear accounts from friends of an unsettled state in India. If we told Wynn about it, he would probably want - to go there as quickly as possible - Any chance of a "show" as they call it, is always a great temptation to young soldiers.

Good bye, dearest Mrs Heard - Phoebe has waked up & sends much love - With the same from Alfred & me, & again thanking you for your kind letter,

Ever yours devotedly
Emmie -

Mrs. Elcies

bed but perhaps if we find camping very delightful, he may be persuaded to join the family party.

Phoebe has improved very much during the last few weeks. She looks much stronger & sleeps & eats well. She was doing neither before we left London.

We shall stay here until the middle of September & will then return to Chorley Wood for the Autumn. We have taken a pleasant & inexpensive furnished house from Oct. 1st not far from the station, so that Phoebe can easily go to London for her lessons twice a week. Unless she feels quite strong enough to undertake the work, she will get a substitute for her teaching at the

Academy next term. I think it is wiser to do this before resigning the appointment altogether, as it is such good practice & experience for her.

I am sorry to say we have not got any offer for our house in Town yet, but something may come a little later when people begin to return there in the Autumn.

I have been asked to make a copy of a miniature I painted some time ago - This work occupies most of my time in the morning but I often paint landscape in the afternoon. The country about here is most beautiful -

Alfred has done some fine pastel sketches - I am happy to tell you that his health is wonderfully improved by this splendid air & he looks quite robust.

Golfing too on the lovely Chorley Wood Common has greatly benefitted him. He walks there twice a week & has a round on the links.

I shall be delighted to paint a miniature of your dear little grandson & will write at once to Miss Peck to give her my country address, so that if your son stays in London he can perhaps give me an opportunity of seeing the baby.

What a delightful trip Mr. & Mrs. Heard must have had in Spain. I wonder if the baby goes automobiling too. He will no doubt become a good & experienced traveller.

We had a satisfactory letter from Wynn

Nelson House, Heronsgate.
Rickmansworth, Sept. 17, 1905.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

Alfred has already answered your very kind letter of Aug. 9th, which gave us much pleasure & satisfaction. You write so sympathetically about our present uncertain plans, owing to Phoebe's want of health, that it was a great comfort to us.

I am happy to tell you we have just let our house furnished for a year, from Oct. 30th. We think this is a very satisfactory arrangement, as it enables Phoebe

fortnight which intervenes before we can get into the furnished house we have taken at Chorley Wood. This will enable me to see much more of my dear Mother before she leaves for Paris at the end of this month. She has not been able to visit us here, I am sorry to say. My Mother is very sorry she will not see you, unless the weather should keep abnormally warm in the Autumn. She expects to make a short stay in Paris & then return to Lisbon some time in October.

I have been in correspondence with your daughter-in-law & Mr. Peck about seeing the dear baby. The latter, who is at Torquay making sketches of the baby, has been very kind in giving me information

to have a good long time in the country & also gives us time to decide how we should like Chorley Wood or some other country place near London before actually disposing of the charming home we now possess, through your great kindness.

Our prospective tenants seem very nice people, have no children & Alfred retains the use of his studio - Phoebe keeps her good piano - We get only a low rent, scarcely more than what we pay for the house & studio unfurnished, but under existing circumstances, which make it almost a necessity for us to be in the country for some time to come, getting that big house off our hands is the greatest possible boon, & we feel most thankful.

Phoebe is simply delighted at the prospect of spending a whole year in the country. She is very much better & stronger & is in such good spirits. There is a good piano in this house & she has done a great deal of practising lately to prepare herself for the work at the Academy, which begins in a week's time -

Phoebe has played Tennis a good deal & this exercise has done her much good.

We leave this house tomorrow, as the owners want it - we have decided to return to Warwick Gardens for the

or not. We stood ready to be charged every minute & I then sent the hunter up a tree to see what the elephant was doing. He signalled down that he was feeling for our wind with his trunk & after a bit he floundered away across the river. As the hunter said it was not deep I decided to follow the animal across. It was only two feet deep but added to that was a foot of black evil smelling mud. The only way across was by the track made by the elephant. I continued to follow him for about two hours, the bush so dense that it was literally impossible to see two yards except where the Elephant had forced his way through. When the hunter beckoned to me & said the elephant was just in front. He pointed through a gap when I saw his head just the other side, swinging his trunk about quite peacefully. I immediately fired & down he came with a tremendous crash. I rushed out & put more shots into him, as it often happens that the first shot only stuns the animal & he recovers & goes off. Just suppose I you had missed that first shot, but he didn't! Alfred & Phoebe join me in much love. Our address after this month will be: Rosebank, Chorley Wood, Herts. I believe Alfred also gave you the address of his club.

Ever yours dustedly Emmie.

about your sons plans. Mr. Peck wrote this morning that "the baby & his admirers" will be in London on the 29th - that I can see him that afternoon or early next morning, before he takes his morning nap.

You may be sure I will avail myself of the privilege & will stare hard at the little fellow, so as to get his appearance fixed in my mind for painting his miniature. I hope some good photographs have been taken of the baby.

I trust you are feeling very well now & that your trip to Mexico will not be too fatiguing. I suppose the scenery is the Grand Canyon is very fine.

You are probably now enjoying the Hacienda

The mountain house must be most delightful, in such beautiful surroundings. I am glad to hear you enjoyed the quiet & rest there so much.

We had a long & interesting letter from Wynn a day or two ago, giving us an account of a shooting trip he had just come back from - he killed another elephant under exciting circumstances & I feel thankful he returned safely. Elephant hunting is very dangerous sport. I give you an extract from Wynn's letter - He writes:

"The elephant was a very large one & had been doing a good deal of damage & moreover had the reputation of being fierce, so the Natives were very anxious for me to shoot him & gave me a good deal of help.

The hunter left me on the edge of the belt of forest for a time & went to look for the elephant. He came back & said that the bull was there but in the same piece of jungle there was a cow & a young bull which were away from the bull.

I went in & after about twenty minutes creeping through the dense forest, so thick that the sun only penetrated it in patches, I heard the elephant breaking away. He had apparently heard something & went off into the river - as soon as we got close he started making a horrible noise. I could not see him as the river is like most Uganda rivers, merely swamps full of Sudd & "Papyrus". It is very alarming hearing an elephant trumpeting about fifty yards off & not knowing whether he is going to charge

Alfred says I ought to add this part of Virginia's letter as the story may amuse you:

"I asked the hunter if the elephant was really dead & he said no - He seized a knife however, rushed up & cut off his tail, saying that he could not possibly get up now.

There is an idea among the Natives that once the tail is off the elephant is bound to die. I have heard of a sportsman who had stunned an elephant in the same way - who believed the story so did not waste any more cartridges - The consequence was that the elephant went off, leaving his tail behind him."

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interest. Freehold property is one of the investments allowed by law. at the rate of interest we could get in other things it will make a very moderate rent - not over £50 a year, when we have built a good studio & a room or two over it.

The studio will be built right on to the house & so arranged that if we wish to leave it later it can be divided into two sitting rooms.

Our trustee - the lawyers seem to think it will be a good investment for my money, as this is a very favorite & growing neighbourhood - the house is so conveniently situated

Roseberry, Chorley Wood
Herts. Jan. 28, 1906.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

Phoebe wrote to you a few days ago, so I waited a little before sending you a letter. I hope you are already feeling better for your removal to a warmer climate & that you do not suffer with your head & eye as you did in Paris.

I wrote some time ago to tell you how pleased I was to hear you liked the miniature of the dear baby - I hope that letter was forwarded to you.

In one of Alfreds letters to you some weeks ago, he mentioned that we were thinking of buying a little house here. We thought & thought & perhaps it might have ended there, only we found some other people had made an offer for it.

That made us wake up to the fact that we really wanted it ourselves & would be very sorry to lose it. I, particularly, felt very anxious to have it.

The situation of this little house is delightful, just above the one we are now occupying, with a good piece of ground at the back & some in front. It commands fine & quite extensive views over country in the back & front, which can never be destroyed, as the house stands so high. It is only five minutes walk from the station.

We have made an offer for this little property & the lawyer is now looking into the title. We have had the building examined by a surveyor.

The money I inherit from my dear Mother & from the Lisbon property must go into trust, by the terms of my marriage settlement, for me & the children. It can therefore only be invested in the safest things, not giving very high

to the station. Phoebe is so very much better - happier, living a country life - that Alfred - I have no wish to take her back to London - in fact, to tell the truth, we are very happy here ourselves - The country is so lovely & yet we can enjoy many things in London, being so near.

The first period of the lease of our house in London expires at the end of this year, so we shall have no further responsibility with it.

We should have liked to be able

Mrs. Elmslie

to talk all this over with you, dearest Mrs Hearst, but you were too far away.

If everything is settled satisfactorily the present owners of the house will probably continue to occupy it until June, as our tenants - then the alterations in the house will be made - We do not wish to occupy it until next November, as our furniture will not be available until then.

In Wynn's last letter he tells us he has been ordered to join an expedition in East Africa which is taking place to put down some unruly tribes. It was reported to be over in the English papers, but in Africa this is not thought to be the case. We are anxiously waiting for further news from Wynn. If he does go on the expedition he will postpone his departure for India till it is over.

Phoebe is staying over Sunday with a friend - Alfred joins me in much love - Please remember us to Mrs Flint who is, I hope, improving in health.

Always yours devotedly

Since finishing my letter Ernnie.
we have heard from Wynn.
He had gone on the expedition - was employed as
signalling officer - Seemed to be enjoying himself.

Rosebank, Chorley Wood
Herts. May 10th.
[1906?]

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I hope you were not too tired after the day you spent with us. It was such a pleasure to have you - I like to think you have actually seen, - walked with us in the garden of our new home.

as ever. Perhaps it is even now being published in some tent or barn. Such energy must ~~flourish~~ succeed.

You will be glad to hear that the picture Alfred spoke about has been bought by the old canon after all.

Phoebe has just got a piano pupil here.

Will you please send the enclosed letter to Mrs Rockwell - I forgot to ask you for her address on Tuesday.

With our best love - kind remembrances to all at the White House,

Ever yours devotedly

Emmie.

I shall often think of it when we are there & it will make you seem nearer to us.

I trust, dearest Mrs Hearst, that it will not be a very long time before you will come over to Europe & stay with us in our little house on the side of the hill.

I cannot bear to think that years may pass before you come to England again - in fact I won't think about it.

I believe that the wonderful vitality in the people - air of dear San Francisco will soon set everything going again, & your fine building will soon rear its head towards the sky once more & the "Examiner" be as flourishing

put in drawers & cupboards - there weren't any here scarcely!

However, I suggested our sorting everything very carefully & only leaving out very necessary things for the present season.

This plan has acted splendidly & everything is comfortably stowed away & there seems to be plenty of room.

This is really a very pleasant little house, with such a pretty view over the country. There is a small garden full of flowers & containing a shelter where we can sit & be protected from the sun.

Balholm, Chorley Wood.
Herts. June 4, 1906.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

We were very surprised to receive your kind note, written just before you sailed for America. I hope that the sudden call there on important business was nothing that causes you extra anxiety or worry, for you already had more than enough.

Alfred wrote to you as soon as we received your letter. I hope you. Paris Banker forwarded his.

I wonder whether you will find it necessary to go out to California. I trust not.

There is so little in the papers now about that poor afflicted population of San Francisco - I want so much to know how everything is getting on. I am sure that the work of rebuilding will be carried through as rapidly as possible.

I hope you have reassuring news from San Francisco as to the reconstruction of your own building.

I trust also, dearest Mrs Hearst, that you are well - do not suffer too much with your eye. I fear that often troubles you much more than your good friends realise, for you are so courageous.

Last Friday we moved into this little cottage, where I think we shall be quite comfotable - happy. It is much smaller than the house we have left - it required some thought - manipulation to stow away the immense amount of luggage we have with us, being everything we all possess in the way of clothing.

Alfred said he didn't see the use of unpacking, for when one did that the clothing was usually

is very well. I cannot remember whether your son's family remained in New York or accompanied him to California.

Phoebe went to a dance with some friends at Woolwich, the Royal Military Academy & wore the lovely pendant you gave her for the first time. She had great pleasure & pride in doing so & said it was greatly admired by her friends.

Now dearest Mrs Hearst, I will say good bye, with best love from us all.

Always yours devotedly

Emmie

Mrs. Elkins

there is room for the piano, the parrots & dog & cat, so I hope we can stay here until our own house is ready for us.

Today we got possession of it, which was an exciting event. We all went over the house & garden & thought ourselves very fortunate to have secured so pleasant a spot for a home, within convenient distance of London & all its advantages.

I am so glad you have seen the place. We have not yet received the estimate from the

builder so do not know whether it will be possible for us to carry out the full plan made by the architect. I am sure it will be a good investment to make it nice, but I dont want to have it so nice that we cannot afford to live in it ourselves - must let somebody else enjoy it. That would be a great disappointment to me.

We have had recent letters from Wynn - he was waiting for the arrival of the officer to take his place before starting for India. There had been some unnecessary delay about it. I expect Wynn is now at sea. He hints that there may be a chance of his coming home next year on leave, but I shall not think too much about it, as these things are so uncertain.

I think he is pleased to rejoin his nice Gurkha regiment, but his time spent in Africa has been valuable in giving him much experience of a different race of people - country which may be useful at some future time.

I hope your dear little grandson

The Mount, Chorley Wood
Herts. Sept. 5, 1906.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I am sorry I have not written to you for some time. We have had various troubles & bothers, what with the insanitary condition of our last house, trying to find another in a very short time, (after the Inspectors final & unsatisfactory report) & having more than one serious misunderstanding with our architect, (who is as stubborn as a mule) Alfred & I have had rather a trying time.

The work on our house is advancing rapidly - it is being splendidly built & will make a delightful home - In one or two matters of detail, though, we are greatly disappointed, but, as I said, our architect is a mule, & had we insisted on alterations he would have thrown up the whole work. That was too serious a expensive to risk. Alfred's studio will be a fine room & adapted to other uses besides painting if we ever want to give up the house.

We hope to move some time in Nov. I trust you have been able to begin your building in S.F. & that the labour troubles are diminishing. Alfred is in London today - I will send his love with mine - Hoping your health is good, Ever yours devotedly

Emmie.

Now we are settled again, I hope until we move into our own house. The one we are now in is comfortable, only it is right on the railway & the noise of the constantly passing trains is rather trying. We endeavoured to get the house you saw us in here, but the owners asked, even more for it than we paid before, so we had to give it up.

The heat was terrible during our packing up & unpacking here - over 90° some days. Now it is cooler.

I hope you have had a very pleasant trip. It was so kind of you to send me some post cards from Switzerland & they did indeed remind us of the delightful trip we had with you two years ago.

Phoebe is still away - after spending a fortnight with her Aunts in Cornwall, she went to Lady Rendels in Surrey, where she still is & is having a most enjoyable time with charming friends. It is a large country house, at this season full of Lady Rendel's grandchildren, about Phoebe's age & there is plenty of amusement. I am so glad Phoebe has had such enjoyable holidays. I expect she will soon come home now.

The Mount, Shorley Wood.
Herts. Sept 28, 1906.

My dearest Mr. Hearst.

I must write a few lines to express our hearty congratulations to you on your son's nomination for Governor of New York. He has triumphed, in spite of all his opponents could do or say, & you must feel

in getting it ready from one lesson to another.

The work on our house progresses rapidly & should be finished by the end of October. It will all be very nice I hope.

Much love from us all & hoping to see you soon.

Ever yours devotedly
Emmie.

Mrs. Sloan

very proud of him.
I do hope the State will go Democratic in the forthcoming elections.

Perhaps you are already in London, but as I am not sure of it, I will send this to Paris.

We have settled comfortably in this house & have become so accustomed to the constantly passing trains that we scarcely notice them.

Phoebe has resumed her teaching at the Academy today. They have allowed her to do that, although she is not a student this term. She seems to be enjoying her work by herself & the absence of such

The Mount, Shorley Wood
Herts. Oct. 11, 1906.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

It was such a pleasure to us all to spend the evening with you last week - I am so glad you gave us the opportunity of seeing you during your short stay in London.

As the weather was better on Wednesday last, I hope you were able to take your motor trip - much enjoyed it. Perhaps you are in Paris again by this time.

The weather has become so very mild again for the season. I think it crowded with too much furniture - ~~They~~ Rooms are so much nicer when this is not the case. Some things we may be able to exchange for others more suited to certain spaces or needs.

The lovely lilies you gave us are still a source of pleasure, as all the buds have gradually opened.

We heard from Wynn a few days ago - he was well.

Alfred ordered a book to be sent to you. "A Vision of India" by Sidney Low - It is a delightful - very graphic description of that wonderful country - peoples -

Good bye, dearest Mrs Hearst - Alfred wrote to you some days ago - He - Phoebe join me in much love,

Ever yours devotedly
Emmie.

is delightful to have a warm Autumn, as it seems to shorten the Winter.

I hope Mr. & Mrs Clark have had a good voyage to America, without too much rough weather, which the latter seemed to dread, on account of her little girl.

I expect you will be occupied for the approaching wedding of your friends in Paris, I forget just when you said it was to take place.

We shall feel very anxious about you until we hear your own trouble is over. I hope you can let us know through someone how you are -

I do wish you could take sulphuric ether. I have heard it has the effect of chloroform without any of its danger to the heart. Have you ever known anything of it?

Our house is now practically finished, with the exception of such details as doors, whitening of ceilings, painting & papering.

We shall get possession of our London house at the end of this month - will then be very busy for some days, sorting out furniture & arranging what we can house down here - what must be sold. We don't want our house

how sincerely he has the welfare of his country at heart.

Alfred was sorry to hear that the "Times" book club had forwarded you a second copy of the book on India, & in spite of his having countermanded it. If you have no use for the second volume will you kindly have it sent back to Alfred, but keep it by all means if you like to do so.

I hope you hear better news of the progress of things in San Francisco. Some old friends, the Sherwoods, have just arrived in England - they were so terribly shocked by the awful experiences in Cal. that they sold their home in Alameda.

Alfred & Phoebe join me in best love, & hoping soon to hear good news of you, ever

Yours devotedly

Emmie.

Mrs. Eliseo

The Mount, Chorleywood.
Herts. Nov. 18, 1906.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

Your kind letter to Alfred of the 14th gave us all much pleasure. We wish you had told us more about yourself & how you are.

I trust that the worst part of your medical treatment is over & that you are experiencing relief from it. Perhaps a letter to me will soon come, as you mentioned that you were writing.

Our move is over & all our possessions are in the new house. When everything was brought in, & confusion reigned

supreme in every room, I felt perfectly hopeless - it seemed quite impossible that we could ever place all the things - This house of ours is so much smaller than the one in London we have left.

However, after three days of very hard work, order is being restored - we see what the result will be. I think the house will look charming - I am so anxious for you to see it.

Our furniture seems to suit the rooms as it is not too big. Alfred very wisely sold all the largest things before the move took place.

We have remained a week longer in this furnished house, so as to put our own in order, to some extent, before moving in. This saves a great deal of discomfort. We shall be there on the 22nd, after which date, our address will be: Hill Cottage, Chorleywood.

Your son must indeed feel tired after the great work - strain of the past four weeks. I am very sorry he did not win the election, but he made a splended fight - has forced the other party to take some action about the great grievances of the American people. Your son must feel that his labour has not been in vain - his fine speech quoted in the English papers that "If he could not lead he would serve in the ranks" must convince people

~~16, WARWICK GARDENS,~~
~~KENSINGTON.~~

Hill Cottage
Chorleywood
Herts.

Nov. 29. 1906.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I wrote to you a few days ago, soon after our furniture came down from London. We have had a very busy & fatiguing fortnight & the worst is now over.

We are living in our own house & are delighted with it.

health. I expect the mild autumn we are having is good for you, & enables you to get more fresh air.

Phoebe is well & very busy with her teaching & practising - She played at a village concert here a few nights ago for a charity & seemed to be much appreciated, having to give an encore. We have good news of Wynn. Alfred joins me in much love. Phoebe is at Harrow, spending the night with the Headmaster's daughter.

Again wishing you many happy returns of your birthday, always, dearest Mrs Hearst,

Yours devotedly
Emmie.

Everything is compact - comfortable, there are no waste spaces or long passages to keep in order. It is a fair-sized house in a nutshell, which is just what we ought to have.

Alfred's studio is a most delightful room - we use it more than any other in the house. Phoebe's grand piano is in it - sounds so well. We have a small one in the drawing room for her to use when it is not convenient to Alfred to have playing in the studio - where she can give her lessons.

I sent off to you day-before-yesterday by post, a small water colour picture of flowers, which I have painted lately - which I hope you will accept with my best love - good wishes for your birthday. Should it not reach you safely, I should like to know, so that I can claim the insurance.

We hope you are improving in

Hill Cottage, Chorleywood.
Herts. Dec. 18, 1906.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

Your charming present for Xmas has given us great pleasure + you are indeed kind to send us such a large sum - It will do a great deal more than buy a lamp for the new studio. I think perhaps a carpet for the dining room may also be purchased.

Alfred wrote at once to you, so I waited a few days before sending you my own thanks. Phoebe is much looking forward to the Operas early next year

view over miles of charming country, woods + undulating fields, with not a house in sight.

Alfred sent you a book which had rather amused him. He hoped it would reach you on board the steamer.

We are sending you a little calendar, with our love + best wishes for a very happy New Year.

This house is now nearly in order + we hope soon to begin painting again.

I am sorry I could not get the alterations done to your miniature before you left Paris. I had not a very good place for working in our last house + thought I would wait until we got settled. I did not then know you might be away for so long a time.

With our best love + warm wishes,

Ever yours devotedly

Emmie.

Jan 13. 1907

& it will be a source of education as well as pleasure to her. She knows nothing scarcely of this branch of music & will often go with a musical friend who has studied the subject & can teach her a good deal about the forms of Opera. I hope you received her letter.

We often think of you now at sea & hope you are enjoying the rest & quiet & do not suffer from the cold damp air. These fine steamers are no doubt as spacious & comfortable that it is less irksome to be kept below than formerly.

The pretty calendars have just come & we much appreciate them. One will be sent to Wynn. In his last letter he said something about coming home in the Spring. I dont allow myself to think too much about it, but there must be some chance of his doing so or he would not mention it.

It will give him great pleasure to see you again before your return to America.

I am writing in our dining room & look out on a pretty little garden, arranged in grass, straight walks & flower beds which suit the style of the house. Just across the road to the left is a lovely wood, some of the dead brown leaves still clinging to the branches. On the right & in front is a delightful

Hill Cottage, Chorleywood.
Herts. Jan. 12, 1907.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I am afraid it is some time since I have written to you. The days seem to pass so rapidly + I have had so much work to do for the house - Curtain-making took up much time + is not quite finished yet.

We are otherwise nearly settled, with the exception of two bedrooms, which have not been arranged as to furniture, as one new room was very cold. That can all be put in order now.

Country looked most beautiful, especially by moonlight.

Wynn still writes that he may be able to come home this Spring but nothing is decided yet. We must not expect it too much so that we shall not be too disappointed if he cannot come.

I expect you found your little grandson a darling + much enjoyed being with him.

Alfred + Phoebe join me in best love + in the hope that we shall see you some time this Summer.

Ever yours devotedly

Emmie.

We find our house very comfortable & convenient & I hope we shall get on in it.

Alfred enjoys his studio very much & finds the light good; it is not so big as the one he had in London, but there is room for some of his pictures & we have less furniture in it. We use the studio more than any other room & it makes a most delightful sitting & music room. The grand piano is in the studio. Phoebe has had a fine young violinist staying with her & we have enjoyed most beautiful music -

She & Phoebe have been practising together at the Academy for months. It is a mutual benefit & they play fine sonatas for piano & violin by the best composers. Phoebe enjoys this work immensely.

We hope you are keeping well & do not feel the cold if you are still in New York. Perhaps you will soon be on your journey back. I hope you have found all your business affairs satisfactory.

We had a good deal of snow here just after Christmas - it remained on the ground for a week & the

Hill Cottage, Chorleywood.
Herts. Jan. 17, 1907.

My dearest Mr. Hearst.

We were so glad to receive your kind letter to Alfred, written just before you left America & to hear there was a chance of seeing you in London.

We have been hoping to have some news from you

I wrote to you a few days ago & gave all the news of ourselves & Wynn.

With much love from us all, & hoping we may soon see you,

Ever yours devotedly
Emmie.

Mrs. Ehrlich

this week, but as none has come, perhaps you did not land in England, or perhaps you are prolonging your stay here & we may yet have the pleasure of seeing you.

I am glad to hear how much you enjoyed the time spent in America with your son & his family - It must indeed have been hard for you to leave that dear little boy - I think you wrote that he will be coming over in the Spring.

Phoebe went to her first opera yesterday afternoon & enjoyed it immensely - She heard Lohengrin & on Saturday she will go to Tristan & Isolda -

Hill Cottage, Cholsywood.
Herts. March 27, 1907.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I am afraid I have not written to you for some time & the last few weeks seem to have passed so rapidly - Since my last letter you have been at Cannes & I hope your stay in the South was very pleasant & beneficial.

I saw an article in the New York Herald, (Paris Edition) which Lulu sent me giving an account of the charming American-Russo wedding

Phoebe's holidays have just begun & she is looking forward to a quiet time here, after spending so many days in London & being very busy. She is very well.

We hope so much to have the pleasure of seeing you in May when you come to London & I trust you will be able to ~~come~~ pay us a visit here.

Alfred has gone to town to see after some pictures - he left his love & Phoebe joins me in sending a great deal to you.

Always yours devotedly

Emmie

Mrs. Hearst

which you attended at Cannes — it must have been an interesting sight. I should think such a marriage must be rather a novelty too.

Yesterday Alfred received a cheque for Ten Pounds from Mrs Armstrong. We thank you so much for sending it to us — it is a great help. Alfred has written to the Bank.

We are so happy because we have just heard that Wynn will be at home early in May. I cannot quite believe it yet, — I hope nothing will occur to prevent his coming.

It will be exciting to him to find us in a new abode — I hope he will like Chorleywood as much as we do. In some ways I know he will regret not being in London, where he meets all his soldier friends, but he can easily go up from here.

Perhaps you are now in Spain, as you expected to go there for Holy week, — I hope the weather is as fine as we are having here.

March 28th — At this point my writing was interrupted — I am now finishing this letter in the verandah, on a most glorious morning — Phoebe — a married friend are having a somewhat late breakfast near me, basking in the sun.

Hill Cottage, Charleywood
Herts. Aug. 28, 1908.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I have not written to you quite lately & perhaps you will like to have some news of us.

There is nothing of special interest to tell you & our lives go on much as usual. Phoebe has been staying with different friends & enjoying herself very much. She returned last night from her last visit & expects to stay at home for the present.

I think this is about the time you used to go there. It must be a delightful place, judging by the photographs you sent me.

Alfred has been much better, until last week, when he caught a bad cold & suffered from chill & rheumatism. He is much better now, I am glad to say, but finds he has to be careful of cold just at present.

I am in good health & devote as much time as I can spare to weeding our lawn, which constantly requires it.

Good bye, dearest Mrs Hearst. Alfred & Phoebe join me in much love.

Always yours devotedly
Emmie.

Since I last wrote to you Lulu has arrived in England. She looked very delicate I thought, but seems better now. After resting here a few days, she went to stay in London for a time to attend to necessary business matters & do shopping. She returns to us tomorrow & will, I hope, stay here until she sails for the United States on Oct. 7th. She will visit Clara in Norfolk, but does not know where she will live eventually.

Wynn is now attached to the Staff at a different place in India & is working very hard under good tuition for the entrance examination to the Staff College. It is very difficult, but if Wynn is able to accomplish it successfully, it will be a fine thing for his career. After going through the Staff College, a two years' course, he would be eligible for good staff appointments in the Army.

We have had a very pleasant Summer & I have enjoyed our house & garden so much. This is the nicest time, when the days are long & weather mild.

I hope you are well. I wonder if you are now in your Mountain home.

Hill Cottage, Shirleywood.
Herts. Dec. 12. 1908.

My dearest Mr. Hearst.

I hope this letter will reach you just in time to wish you, from us all, a very happy Christmas.

Perhaps, though, you will have gone East to spend the holidays with your son & his family. Those little grandsons must make Christmas a happy time.

There is no special news to give you chained up & this she seems to understand & submits to. She is very fond of Bobs, our little Pomeranian, but he is still rather afraid of her, being so big.

We have sent to you a book "A Midsummer Night's Dream", illustrated by Arthur Rackham, a man of great reputation here. I hope you will receive it safely.

Phoebe is at Harrow today to spend two nights with Miss Wood, the Headmaster's daughter.

Alfred joins me in best love & many good wishes for Christmas & the New Year.

Always yours devotedly

Emmie.

of ourselves since I last wrote.

Alfred has commenced his duties as a District Councillor - I think he will find them interesting - Once a fortnight he has to go to a meeting at the nearest large town.

We have just received a present of a beautiful borzoi or Russian greyhound. When it was offered, Alfred & I refused it, as we felt so large a dog would be difficult to manage in our small house. However, Phoebe was so disappointed that we consented to try "Diana."

She is a charming, gentle, affectionate creature & although some trouble & responsibility, we are all fond of her.

She refuses to live in her kennel on the verandah & seems so unhappy there, that we let her stay in the studio & she usually lies in a large round dog-basket under the piano & sleeps there at night without making a sound. Being still a puppy, it is not safe to leave her alone without being

Hill Cottage, Cholleywood.
Herts. Jan. 15, 1909.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

A few days ago we received the charming presents you so kindly sent to us, & we are delighted to have them & thank you very much for thinking of us. My pretty bag will be most useful, especially whenever I leave home, to use instead of a workbox.

A parcel had come from you for Phyllis some time before ours, & this more trained men for the defence of these Islands than now exist.

Phoebe has had several pleasant dances in the country while staying with a friend - one near here at Mrs Shaw-Robertson's. She returns home tomorrow & her teaching will begin next week seriously, though she has done some during the holidays.

Our borzoi is a beautiful creature - is such a good - gentle dog. She & Bobs are very good friends. The only thing I regret is that she spoils our lawn.

Alfred joins me in much love & thanks you so much for the really charming Calendar.

Always yours devotedly
Emmie.

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was sent on to him at once.

I hope you spent a pleasant Christmas
- had your grandchildren with you.

I am sure you will be glad to hear that dear Wynn has passed his difficult examination after all, for entrance to the Staff College in India.

It is a fine achievement, after only a few months of preparation - we are very happy about it.

There is a sad side to it, however, - that is, that we may not see Wynn for some time now.

On receiving his telegram my first feeling was one of sorrow, because he will not be with us in a few weeks' time.

However, what he has done is so good for his career that all other feelings must be smoothed. If he does not come home during the two years' course at the Staff College, I hope he will soon after.

We are all well. I am glad to say - Alfred is a good deal occupied just now, arranging a meeting at the nearest small town in connection with the National Service League, which advocates having

golden-haired little boy with dark brown eyes. Alfred thinks it is coming very well. It is so amusing to do big things sometimes, after working at miniatures. One helps the other, I find.

Phoebe is well - busy as usual. Alfred has been much occupied with the National Service League. He has just been asked to be Hon. Secretary for Hertfordshire - This would entail an enormous amount of work. I don't know if he will consent. Painting would be put aside, I fear.

We are sending you a little rose Calendar - Phoebe sends a Robert Louis Stevenson one.

With warmest love from us all, ever dearest Mr. Hearst, Yours devotedly

Emmie.

I hope your building progresses to your satisfaction in S.F. I expect it will be a very fine one also. Dec. 10.

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

Dec. 9, 1909.

My dearest Mr. Hearst.

I write a few lines to send you our very best wishes for a happy Christmas & New Year & many blessings for you & yours.

I trust that your health is good & you can enjoy your lovely

house + grounds. I hope you have the little boys with you to make Christmas a merry one. They are old enough to understand + enjoy it — in fact perhaps George is already a little beyond belief in the myths of Santa Claus.

I hope you are having mild + sunny weather - it is often so lovely, I remember, at this season in California.

The English Winter commenced early + for weeks we have had quite sharp frosts from time to time. I should like to fly South as the birds do. We keep fairly comfortable in our house however, + have a nice large fireplace in the studio, built in a beautiful circle of brick - forming an alcove.

Wynn received a bad blow below the knee while playing polo + was laid up for some weeks - he is now better, but his leg is still tender - It is fortunate it was not worse

I am very busy painting the life-sized portrait of a charming

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Seaford, Sussex.

May 2, 1910.

My dearest Mr. Hearth.

I am afraid it is many weeks since I have written to you & I hope you will excuse my negligence - I have not been well or strong - never quite recovered from the attack I had soon after the New Year.

I got better to a certain extent & then remained stationary week after week - Finally we decided to come to the seaside for a short time.

or two more of grief & rest.

I should rather like to have a very lazy time, but a good deal of work is necessary - I still help Alfred with the National Service League, which is never-ending - I have also an order to paint a miniature & have promised to have it done by the end of this month - So I must work at it regularly -

I am afraid all these duties at home too prevented my writing to those I love -

Alfred really works very hard at the duties he has undertaken for the League -

Alfred also was not well, after an attack of influenza & suffered from lumbago & sciatica - We have been here more than a week & I already feel like a new woman -

Alfred has not been here so long, as he spent a few days in London with his brother, before joining Phoebe & me here.

I am sure he will soon feel the benefit of the sea air also.

This is a charming small place & we have delightful rooms quite close to & looking on the sea.

It seems almost like being on a steamer, from our balcony - There is a high cliff quite near, from the top of which one has a grand view of the sea - surrounding country as if from a tower -

The sea gulls fly about quite near & look so beautiful, seen from above -

There is good golf here - Phoebe has been playing with a friend who is spending a week with her -

I hope Alfred will soon feel like playing too when he has had a day

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

Dec. 12, 1910.

Ans. 30/I/11.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I must send a few lines to wish you a very happy Christmas & New Year, from us all.

I hope this letter will reach you in time & find you very well.

Perhaps you will have some of your little grandsons with you, to make your house bright & cheerful.

I expect your building is advancing rapidly in S. F. I hear it is marvellous how the place has been rebuilt since the fire & no doubt it is very prosperous again.

Alfred continues to be much occupied with National Service & municipal matters, in which he takes part.

I am sending you a calendar, with our best wishes & much love.

Hoping to hear from you when you have time, ever dearest Mrs Hearst,

Yours devotedly

Emmie.

Perhaps, on the other hand, you may be going East to spend Christmas with your son & his family as you do some years.

We are living as usual here, after two pleasant short visits paid to relatives & friends during the Autumn.

This is the least enticing season to be in the country in England, for the days are so short & the weather bad. However, our house is charming & time passes rapidly. I am very busy, working on a life size oil portrait & a miniature - both orders. It is gratifying to have work.

I wrote you that there is a chance of Phoebe's going out to India to spend some months with Wynn. Nothing is decided, as we have not yet heard whether he can find suitable accommodation for her in the place where he expects to be with his Regiment.

I hope for Phoebe's sake (not for mine) that her trip will take place - She is much looking forward to it.

successful portrait & seemed to be much admired - I could only have five sittings as the baby's visit to the grandparents was nearly over when I began the portrait.

This has given me the idea of doing some for you in the same style. If you want miniatures I can do those afterwards.

I think I wrote to you last soon after Phoebe had started for India.

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

May 31, 1911.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

Some days ago I received the parcel containing the charming photographs of your three grandsons. What fine children they are & you must feel proud of them & take great pleasure in having them with you.

I want to paint some small

water-colour portraits of the children for you, in fact I have commenced one of George Randolph - I think he is so like what his father was as a boy. I wonder whether you + others think so too.

Perhaps the likeness is more apparent in the photograph - The youngest child looks a darling, with his soft pretty hair. I imagine he is fair - has very light hair. I remember you wrote that William had very blue eyes as a baby, so I suppose they are the same now. Your son had grey blue eyes I think so I shall make George's the same, unless I hear to the contrary.

I have lately been asked to paint the portrait of a very lovely little child, the grandson of Mr Billett, the Lord of the Manor in Chorleywood. Mrs Billett wanted it done in water colours + small. I am glad to say it was a very

I hope this plan can be carried out.

Alfred & I have such busy lives, which is a good thing. I help him with the National Service League work as much as my other occupations & strength will allow. He has lately been made organising Secretary of the League for Hertfordshire - this is a slightly paid appointment, for which I am thankful. He has a great deal of extra work of a more interesting kind & a large correspondence - He has assistance with the accounts & other clerical work & I help to prepare things to hand over to his clerk who comes every day for work.

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

We have such happy letters from her to-day. She seems so very glad to be with Wynn & delighted with the lovely mountain place where she is to spend most of her time until the Durban takes place in Dec. at Delhi.

I rejoice that the dear child enjoys so much & she seems to appreciate everything that is so new & interesting & finds the natives very picturesque & fitting

so perfectly their surroundings.
Wynn has taken a nice furnished
house with a lovely garden
which sounds quite ideal, from
Phoebe's descriptions, with grand
views of the valley below.

She had just been vaccinated
when she last wrote & had a sore
arm, but I trust ~~when~~ this is over
now & that she will keep well.

This house seems very quiet
& lonely without her sweet presence,
as you can imagine - but I
would not have it otherwise.
so delighted do I feel that Phoebe
has a rest from constant teaching
- the opportunity of seeing & en-
joying so much.

Wynn wants to take her to Quetta
for a month during the rainy
season in the mountains, (July, Aug. & Sept.) which
is not so pleasant. Quetta is a
large place & she would have some
society & meet more people. Wynn
has friends there, having been
for two years at the Staff College.

constant weeding - feel rather proud of it, as I have worked so hard.

We have just had the telephone put in this house today, as it will save Alfred some writing. I am very old-fashioned + don't like the idea of the noisy thing at all. I don't know how to use it, but must learn -

I trust you are very well, dearest Mrs Hearst + will enjoy your visit East. With very best love,

Ever yours devotedly
Emmie.

COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

This active life is a very good thing for my dear husband. He goes about + meets interesting people in different parts of this county. He is away now for two or three days, seeing various persons to further the interests of the League + get them to work for it. I hope this appointment will last.

Your fine building must be very near completion now, as you wrote that the "Examiner" would

occupy their portion of it in
September. I hope you will be
very successful in renting all
the rest that you want to dis-
pose of. Are you having an
apartment in it for your own
use as in the former building?
I was talking to an Englishman
a few days ago who has lately
returned from California - He
says it is marvellous the way
S. F. has been rebuilt - that
only Americans could have done
it in so short a time - When he
left there soon after the fire it
seemed as though it could never
be accomplished.

Our sweet little garden gets
prettier each year, as things grow.
We have not the fine masses
of flowers as they bloom in Cal.
but we appreciate what we
do have - the green lawn -
trees are pleasant to look at.
I have really got our grass
into very good condition by

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

Niton
Isle of Wight
Aug. 1, 1911.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I am afraid many weeks have passed without my having sent you a letter. This time my silence is not due to the usual cause of a very busy & occupied life, but owing to the fact that I have not been well & often felt very disinclined to effort of any kind.

We are spending three weeks with our sisters in this most delightful part of the Island, & are enjoying it immensely. It was very kind of them to ask us. They have a charming cottage for the Summer looking over the sea. I cannot walk much, but spend the lovely fine days which we are blest with now on the verandah where I am now sitting, writing to you. We have been here a week & both feel better for the change & sea air.

We have such happy letters from Phoebe - she seems to be enjoying every hour & writes that she is very well & lazy. I tell her to be as lazy as she feels inclined, for she is now having

The fact is I am suffering from a form of rheumatism in my knees, which prevents me from doing scarcely any walking - It began about six weeks ago with an attack of shingles in one knee which was very painful & made me feel quite ill & weak. I was on a couch for several weeks.

The local doctor found there was trouble of long-standing in both knees - a wearing away of the cartilage of the joints, which caused inflammation - I know, now, it was going on perhaps for years. That was why I felt such fatigue when having to make any extra exertion, especially about the house - Standing was worse than walking. Still I had no idea there was anything wrong, except advancing years.

I saw a good specialist in London & he advised the same treatment that our doctor in Shirley wood did - A course of radio-electric-iodine treatment, which seems to be much used now in England for such complaints. I had five treatments before coming here & they will be resumed on our return home. I go to London for them.

It must be a very anxious time for our new King, just at the beginning of his reign. We can only hope for the best.

I hope you are enjoying your summer. I think you were going East. Will you be at your mountain home in Cal. at all?

I had a water colour portrait of George Randolph well advanced when I was attacked by this troublesome complaint. I had to stop all painting but hope to be able to begin again when we return home in about a fortnight from this time.

Alfred joins me in much love & his sisters wish to send you kind messages.

Always, dearest Mrs Hearst,

Yours devotedly

Emmie.

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

a long splendid holiday. It is so good for her. She has many ways of employing her time for she rides with Wynn nearly every morning & then has to rest. I expect she feels the enervating effect of the Indian climate, even in the mountains.

Phoebe has made, with friends, many expeditions up to the snows, where they camped for a few days. This greatly delights her. The scenery is most splendid & there are no tourists about.

There are pleasant people, some of them
musical at Dharmsala, where Phoebe
lives, whom she often sees & visits.
There is nearly always some engage-
ment in the afternoon or evening.
She seems to be having a delightful
life in a quiet way & Wynn writes
that having Phoebe there puts a different
complexion on everything for him.
I am so thankful that so far,
her trip & been so pleasant & I trust
it will continue so to the end.
She & a few other ladies will go
to the Durbar & be accommodated
in the Gurkha Regimental Camps.
I expect that will be a very
fine & interesting thing to see.
We are now in the midst of
dreadful political disturbances &
Heaven only knows what will
happen in this country. Our Constitution
is to be destroyed, either without
or if necessary, with the unlimited
creation of new Peers. It is a terrible
thing. We think civil War not un-
likely, especially if Home Rule is granted
in Ireland. John Redmond is the
Dictator & the present Government is
at his mercy, as it is only the Irish vote
in the House of Commons that gives it
a majority.

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

aug 30, 1911.

Have you heard that Colonel Wallen has been ordered to Mauritius & he, Flora & their youngest son have just arrived there.

My dearest Mrs Hearsh.

I expect you have already received a letter from Hyam, to announce his engagement to Miss Evelyn Burton.

We heard the important news about ten days ago & it came as the greatest surprise to us, as we had not received a hint of what was going on. I believe in fact that it was decided

Ans. 10/X/11.

as he has no sons) & he owns a yacht. We shall probably hear more about the family soon. Phoebe writes that Evelyn is well educated, intelligent & sensible, quite a good musician, writes poetry & is fond of out-door life & riding - the things she will get in India. Hyam hopes to be married next year before he returns to India. I should have written to you at once, only Hyam mentioned that he was waiting to tell you.

I hope you are very well. We are at home again, after our delightful stay in the Isle of Wight. I am better though still unable to walk much. I hope to resume my treatment soon.

Much love in which Alfred joins.

What dreadful things have been going on all over Great Britain - one feels unsafe.

always yours devotedly
Emmie.

rather quickly & suddenly, as Phoebe even was not expecting it so soon. She is quite delighted with the engagement & is very fond of Evelyn, having seen a great deal of her at Dharmsala.

Dear Wynn seems supremely happy. We hear from a soldier friend of his that he congratulates Wynn on his engagement to the "beautiful & charming" Miss Evelyn Burton, whom he knows well.

This is pleasant & we feel happy about the engagement. Miss Burton may return to England in the late Autumn, or remain in India to see the Durbar & return with Wynn & Phoebe in February or March. She is eighteen years old & one of five daughters. Her parents live at Southampton. She is staying at Dharmsala with an aunt, Mrs Sykes whose husband is a commissioner in India. Mrs Sykes is a niece of a Dr Walker, a wise man Alfred has known for some years. Dr Walker & Alfred are joint hon. Secretaries of the golf club in Cholseywood.

I don't know what Evelyn's father does or is, but he has property somewhere (which is entailed unfortunately

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

Niton
Isle of Wight
Oct. 3, 1911

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My dearest Mrs. Hearsh.

I hope you will not mind a letter written in pencil - We arrived here last night & I got a chill during the journey & am spending a few hours in bed to keep warm, but feel much better.

I wish to delay no longer writing to tell you that Wynn is to be married in India on the 12th of this month -

It has all been decided during

where the pay is better -

I dont know whether this change in Wynns plans will affect Phoebe's movements in any way, but I hope she will not come home yet - She expected to accompany Wynn to Delhi for Novembr & December, as Wynn has an appointment there in connection with the Durbar - I hope his marriage will make no difference to Phoebe in this respect & that she will also go with the young couple -

Our sisters asked us to come on here for a day or two from Southampton, as we were so near -

They have taken a house here & intend giving up their house in London -

the last few days by cables between the Burtons in Southampton, Wynn & Evelyn's Aunt in Dharmsala -

The chief reason why the wedding is taking place very soon is because Wynn has reason to think he may get some appointment in the early Spring which would prevent his getting to England to be married -

Evelyn's Aunt is soon leaving for a very isolated part of India where there are scarcely any Europeans - (& Evelyn was coming to England.)

So it has been decided to have a nice little wedding at Dharmsala (the Aunt) before she goes, where there are many friends & Wynn's Regiment is stationed.

We all think this a good plan & then the young people will have no sad separation -

Alfred & I have been spending two days with Mr & Mrs Burton at Southampton -

it was our first meeting & very interesting We found them such nice people & felt quite in sympathy with them at once - They seem very pleased with their daughter's approaching marriage - The other daughters are very nice girls -

Mr Burton will make his daughter a small allowance & hopes to give some presents from time to time - so I hope Wynn will get on, especially if he obtains some staff appointment -

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I have filled up all my letter with news about ourselves -

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I hope also that the new building is getting well rented -

Letters sent to our Chorleywood address will reach us, as they would be forwarded from the Post Office - Alfred joins me in much love - I know his sisters would send theirs also if they knew I am writing -

Ever dearest Mrs Heath Yours devotedly Emmie -

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

I am sorry they are going to live so far away from us, but they are fond of this place - think a country life will suit them better - When they wish, they can always take a furnished flat or house in London for a few months -

I think I wrote you that I have had much trouble with my teeth for several months - I have been under treatment + am thankful to say I am now very much better - A good

specialist in London has given me his advice, which I am still following - When I saw him last week, he talked to me about Alfred, whom he had recently been sooping with -

The doctor says Alfred wants a complete rest + change of three months - He thought I ought to be told - I feel such a warning, coming from the source it does, should not be ignored - Alfred has been working too hard since taking up this added duty of Organising Secretary of the National Service League - It will be a great pity if he has to lose the appointment entirely, as it is remunerative - I hope he can get a few months leave - ~~How~~ In any case, however, we must go away somewhere; whether he loses his appointment or not. We may go to the South of France if we can let our house

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Your devoted Emmie -

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THE FALMOUTH HOTEL
C. DUPLESSY,
MANACER.

The Falmouth Hotel.
Falmouth.
Cornwall.
Nov. 22, 1911.

Ans. I - 12.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

We left London yesterday morning for this charming place. It is quite lovely here - this hotel is beautifully situated, right on the sea.

I think your birthday comes early in December, so I send a

things kept coming which he felt he must attend to before leaving in connection with his National Service League work. Now he has arranged for most of it to be done by others during his absence - he can rest a great deal while we are here - He needs it - was greatly strained - overworked. I am thankful that good doctor warned us before Alfred broke down. I trust now he will soon be in his proper - natural state again - He must never under-

few lines to wish you many happy returns of the day.

I have lately heard from Clara, who tells me of her visit to you at the Hacienda, how much they enjoyed it & how beautiful your house is.

I am so glad to hear she found you looking very well - I hope your health is satisfactory.

I wrote not long ago in answer to your long & kind letter of Oct. 11th. In that, I told you about Hyam - Phoebe - sent you a description of the farmer's wedding from Phoebe's letter.

I also thanked you for having written months ago, to them to suggest their coming home via S. F. - paying you a visit - You will hear from Hyam & Phoebe no doubt, as I told them of your kind suggestion. I only wish it could be carried out, but it is impossible.

I am thankful to have succeeded in getting my dear husband away from home. It was so difficult as

Please address any letters to Charleywood, as we are not at all settled here yet & may go to some other place in Cornwall.

Alfred joins me in much love.

Ever yours devotedly.

Emmie.

Clara said she heard of Wynns marriage from you. I had also written to her about it's taking place soon. She must have received that letter just after seeing you, unless it miscarried.

THE FALMOUTH HOTEL
C. DUPLESSY,
MANAGER.

The Falmouth Hotel,
Falmouth.

take so much again, even if he has to give up the paid part of the work. It was because he did not want to lose that, which made him undertake so much.

But I know now it has been at the expense of his health & it must not go on, after we get home.

I am so sorry we could not

let our house furnished at Shirleywood for a few months.

However, a tenant may be found & I arranged things somewhat before leaving, so that it can be got ready in case anyone takes it, without our returning. I left our cook in charge.

I have brought all your grandchildrens' photographs with me & hope to begin painting on the portraits as soon as we get settled in some rooms. I had nearly finished a water colour portrait of George Randolph before I was taken ill in the Spring. That will soon be finished & I might send it to you without waiting for the others - Is there any friend of yours leaving England or France for America, who could take it over? It will not be bulky, as I would not have it framed - It would go safer flat, between pieces of cardboard.

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Esmond, Gyllyngdune
Falmouth, Cornwall.
Jan. 8, 1912.

Ans. 5/II/12.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I wanted to write to you some time ago, to send our good wishes for a happy New Year. I am sorry to tell you that I was prevented for some time from doing so, by the serious illness of my dear husband.

We arrived here on the 21st Nov. for Alfred's health. He did not

This is good for me, as I cannot walk very far on account of my knee trouble - I am better, but not well.

We expect to stay here until about Feb. 20th when we return to Chorleywood If Alfred is well enough he will take up his work for the National Service League, but if not, he will resign.

Our children have had a most delightful & interesting time at Delhi during the Durbar. They are now back at Dharmsala.

Wynn did not receive your letters, the first suggesting that he & Phoebe should return to England via California

seem well - on the 7th of December, just a month ago, he was taken with a very bad throat attack, rendered more severe by his general low condition - he was very ill for a fortnight.

I must say it was very discouraging & depressing, after having left home for his health, to see poor Alfred so ill.

We have been most fortunate to be in a house where we have very nice, comfortable & sunny rooms, good servants & a most kind and attentive young landlady. Alfred had every comfort - I was able to nurse him - there was a good doctor.

I am thankful to say Alfred is gradually regaining his health & strength - he begins to look like himself again. He gets out for short walks twice a day.

I think Falmouth is a charming place - the climate is so mild. I sit out of doors nearly every day, on the beach - in other sheltered places & enjoy it so much.

I hope you are in good health & that all is well with you & yours.

Alfred joins me in love & best wishes for a very happy New Year.

Ever, dearest Mr. Heard,

Yours devotedly

Emmie.

I sent off a little Calendar, which should have reached you soon after Christmas.

& the second congratulating him on his engagement. He was so sorry.

I sent you his proper addresses in a former letter, but in case they did not reach you, here is one that will find him:

Captain A. H. Wynn Elias.
1st K. G. O. Gurkha Rifles.
To Messrs King, King & Co.
Bankers
Bombay.

Please forward

There now seems every chance that we shall have the happiness of seeing Wynn & his bride this Spring.

He has not yet received an appointment, so there is every probability that he will get his leave. He needs it - has not been in England for more than four years. It is sad, these long separations from our only dear son.

You will have heard from both Wynn & Phoebe about your kind suggestion that they should return via Cal. & pay you a visit. I wish we could make it possible for them to do so.

During Alfred's illness I had to stop all painting, but I had nearly finished the water colour portrait of George Randolph before that - have been working on it lately, so it is almost complete -

I will not send it off now, as I may hear from you as to some way of getting it taken to America -

I received a letter from Mrs Weeks in Paris a few days ago & she tells me of the death of Mrs Humphrey Moore from pneumonia. Very sad for her poor husband, who depended so much on her.

Clara seems to be leading a very pleasant life in California & she enjoys being in her old home again -

college cost over $1.000.00

My health does not permit me to do much housework, or we should long ago have dispensed with one servant. That is what I intended doing in this house had I been well.

I tell you all this only to explain why we did not respond to your kind suggestion that Phoebe should come home via California & pay you a visit. Now you have made it possible.

The Peninsular & Orient S. S. Co will certainly allow something on the ticket Phoebe had taken for returning to England from Bombay.

I have also received your letter telling me you do not desire of anyone going to America now who could take George's portrait. I will keep it. Perhaps have one of Millicent to send with it later.

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

Feb. 27, 1912.

My dearest Mrs. Hearst.

Your kind letter of Feb. 5th reached me soon after our return here & was forwarded promptly from Falmouth.

It is indeed good of you to make Phoebe's visit to you possible & I know how delighted she is to hear you expect her.

As soon as I received your

letter, Alfred cabled to Phoebe to tell her you expected her would defray the extra expenses. We thought it necessary to let her know soon, in case she might not have received your letter, as she had changed her abode in India - was staying at Poona.

Alfred also sent you a telegram saying how pleased we are that you wish Phoebe to visit you - letting you know where to send the money - viz: Care King, King & Co Bankers. Bombay.

This morning we had a cable from Phoebe in answer to ours, saying: "Going, cabling you dates shortly which please inform Mr. Hearst".

We will telegraph to you as soon as we know when she leaves Bombay for California.

I do rejoice, dearest Mrs. Hearst, that Phoebe is going to you - We should have arranged it ourselves long ago had it been possible, but the fact is, we have had to dip into capital for <u>necessaries</u> so much, that Alfred felt it would not be right in this case, much as we wished to do it -

Hypnis education too at the staff

strike may be. It is really a great struggle between Capital & Labour. Many of the workers believe that they should have the whole product of their labour for themselves & this theory is carefully fostered & spread by their leaders. The tyranny of labour is the worst, because it is often the tyranny of ignorance.

Alfred joins me in much love, & in warmest thanks for your great kindness to Phoebe. I shall be so glad for her to see Clara & her family & Aunt Emmie & other relatives, & dear California!

I am forgetting to tell you that my knees are wonderfully better. The mild climate of Cornwall did me so much good. I enjoyed being there so much & so did Alfred - Ever yours devotedly

Emmie.

I enclose a notice of Wynn's wedding which is from the Parish magazine in the parish of Yorkshire where Evelyn's parents come from. Mrs Burton thought you might like to have a copy.

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

She is no doubt arranging all about that.

I must now tell you of a great disappointment we have just had in hearing that dear Wynn & his wife are not coming home this Summer after all.

Wynn has received a Staff appointment at Rangoon in Burmah, & will probably go there at once. I am afraid it is a great disappointment to them

too, as they were packing up
. had passages on a troop ship
sailing for England the middle of
February - Wynn was longing to
get home, but he says he may
still be able to do so late this
year or probably for certain next
year. So we must all be patient
. look forward to a meeting some
months later.

I know how happy Wynn will
be to hear Phoebe is going to you.

We returned home on the 21st
Feb. I am happy to tell you
that my dear husband is much
better than when I last wrote to
you. He will not undertake so much
work as he did before, but others
will do it, so I hope he will be
able to keep on with the most
important part of the work for
the National Service League. This
country needs to be put in a better
state of defence on land, which
is what the League works for.

We are now just on the brink
of one of the most serious industrial
struggles in this country that has yet taken place
in any part of the World.
If it is not arranged within the
next few days it is impossible to
foresee what the results of the coal

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

May 20, 1912

My dearest Mrs. Hearst.

I want to thank you for so kindly sending us a telegram last week, announcing Phoebe's arrival in San Francisco, "all well". This was such a great comfort & relief to us, for we naturally felt anxious after the long voyage she had taken, to hear how she was.

We look forward with so much interest to her first letter from California.

Alfred keeps fairly well, in spite of having a great deal of work to do. He is certainly much better & stronger than when we first returned home from Falmouth.

It is so nice having warm Summer weather now & we enjoy our garden & verandah. Rain is much needed however & farmers are rather anxious about their crops.

I am so glad to hear that Aunt Emmie is now staying with a friend in Oakland. She always enjoys her visits there & in S. F. so much, & seeing many old friends. I hope Phoebe has had an opportunity of seeing her.

Now dearest Mrs. Hearst good bye - We send our best love & warmest thanks for your kindness to Phoebe. Alfred wrote to you a little time ago. I sent Phoebe a letter yesterday.

always yours devotedly
Emmie.

It seems quite impossible for me to realise that Phoebe is now with you. I am so glad I have such splendid photographs of the Hacienda - entrance court, together with some views of the interior - We look at them - can imagine Phoebe walking about - enjoying those charming surroundings -

I have received a letter from Clara this morning - she tells me of the delightful musical party she - Littleton had been to at your houses, - how lovely everything looked - She seems to be enjoying her life in California very much - has a great many social pleasures always to occupy her time, which she much enjoys -

I was so very sorry to hear Clara never received my letters giving her all the details of the time of Phoebe's expected arrival in S.F. - name of the steamer - She only heard of it from others. I think one of my letters may have gone down in the Titanic - that most awful catastrophe. I hope you have some of your little grandsons with you for the Summer - I know how you enjoy their presence.

I am now working on a portrait of William - hope to have it ready to send to you with the others when an opportunity offers -

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

April 23, 1912.

My dearest Mrs. Hearst.

This letter will reach you a few days before you see Phoebe. It is almost impossible to me to realise that fact - it seems too wonderful to believe she is really going to California.

The last letter from Phoebe was written at Colombo, where the Steamer stayed some hours -

of Cornwall seems to have done us both good, for I am told I have never looked so strong as I do now. My knees are wonderfully better, though I feel any great extra standing or moving about the house.

I hope your son & his wife are sparing you some of the dear boys this Summer.

I have nearly finished a miniature of little John, which I have made to fit a charming old miniature frame you sent me some years ago. This will be ready to send to you too, when the opportunity offers.

How sad we all are, owing to this awful "Titanic" disaster.

Alfred joins me in much love. I envy you, seeing our dear Phoebe I trust, so soon, - I envy Phoebe, being able to see your dear self.

Always yours devotedly
Emmie.

she went on shore with some ladies she had travelled with from Bombay. Phoebe was enjoying the new scenes. The voyage so far had been smooth, but very hot. I expect this weather will continue until she leaves the shores of Japan which she will do on April 27th.

The draft you kindly sent Phoebe arrived in Bombay the day before she sailed. An old friend of ours at Poona had advanced her some money so that she could make arrangements for her voyage at the end of March. This was probably to enable her to get on her journey before the greater heat came.

Wynn - his wife seem to like Rangoon - the latter finds his work interesting. It is a hot place, very different from the beautiful mountain station where Wynn's regiment is - where Phoebe spent last Summer. I do hope that Wynn - Evelyn will keep well.

Alfred continues to improve in health - people think he looks much better. The mild sea air

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

June 16, 1912.

My dearest Mrs. Hearst.

Phoebe has described to me all the beautiful dresses & other wearing apparel you have so kindly given her. How very good you are! I like to think of her going about with you - I know how happy she is, from her happy letters.

I am sorry you found her so thin on her arrival, but I expect

We are both well & very busy, as usual - I help Alfred when I can, but he has valuable help from several Secretaries - Even so, he is sometimes rather overworked - Nevertheless, he is much better than he was -

I have nearly finished Williams portrait too.

This is such a pleasant season in England - the birds sing so beautifully & the days are very long, & usually mild. I can enjoy the verandah - have breakfast there nearly every morning.

I will write to Phoebe in a day or two.

With best love, in which Alfred joins, to you - to her, ever, dearest Mrs. Hearst,

Yours devotedly
Emmie.

she soon recovered her normal amount of flesh - She never has been very stout, at least since she was quite a little child -

Perhaps she will get fatter in California.

The Y.W.C.A Conference was a source of great interest & pleasure to Phoebe - What a chance it was for her to gain some experience & knowledge of the Feminist Movement" in the United States in all its branches - aspects! I know she enjoyed meeting & talking with so many students & other workers in America -

What a splendid camp you gave the Delegates - how they must have enjoyed the time at Pleasanton.

I hope you were not too tired after all the exertions & entertaining you must have had in connection with it.

Phoebe seems delighted with California, & no wonder, getting her first experience under such delightful circumstances & in such beautiful surroundings.

I received a charming letter from Aunt Emmie describing her meeting with Phoebe - the happy day she spent at the Hacienda during the Conference.

last few years of his life, so that they could see what his abilities & fine character were.
The National Service League too paid the highest tribute to the splendid work he had done for the cause - this was really his chief ~~work~~ occupation & I am afraid it was very arduous.
His life was very full of interest & Wynn thought his Father was so much better for it. His poor heart though was too feeble. For him there was no suffering or anguish. We <u>can</u> be thankful for his dear sake.
They tell me I have been calm & brave, but if it is so, it has been with a broken heart. You know how much we were to each other.

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

Jan. 7, 1913.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I have not written to you since my terrible loss. Phoebe has sent you several letters & she entreated me not to do any writing during the first few weeks, except letters of the most casual or business description - I know she was right - & I acceded to her request -

I cannot tell you what the dear child has been to me during

this awful time. She has been absolutely splendid & unselfish & capable & I scarcely know how I should have borne it without her.

I will not repeat any sad details of my dear husbands death - I was quite unprepared for the suddenness of it, although I had known for some time that his heart & arteries were not in a normal condition - The doctor did not warn me - he says it would have done no good & made me very unhappy but I cannot help thinking I might have been more careful had I known the gravity of his condition & influenced him to work less. Alas! a precious life was slipping away at my side & I did not realise it, although I felt anxious - My dear one looked so wonderfully young to the last & was always so energetic & hard-working that I am afraid too much was asked of him.

He was so loved & respected by everyone who came in contact with him - I have had most touching letters voted in Committee to be sent to me by all the public bodies he served on for the good of this place - I am glad he came in contact with a great many of his fellow men, during the

sad letter for you to read, but I know you sympathise deeply with me & you knew my dear husband well.

Poor Wynn was deeply grieved to hear of his father's death by cable on arriving in Rangoon - He is so thankful he was able to come home last year & see his dear father once more & show him his sweet wife.

Phoebe joins me in warmest love -

Ever your devoted

Emmie.

Mrs. Hearst

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

I so very deeply appreciate your great kindness in sending the sweet telegram of sympathy from New York, as soon as you heard & also in sending such substantial pecuniary help.

Very many thanks, dear Mrs Hearst.

We have stayed on quietly here during the last five weeks since the sudden blow.

We felt it better not to go away at once, as coming back later would have been too dreadful.

Now we are gradually realising day by day that our lives must be passed without our dear one + it will be easier to bear when we return.

Just week Phoebe + I are going to Luton to spend some time ~~the~~ with my sisters-in-law. They asked us to go sooner, but have waited patiently until we fell it best to go -

I shall be glad for dear Phoebes sake to go away (not for mine) as she does not seem very well + looks thin - The shock + strain have been severe + she took everything she could on herself to save me as much as possible.

My brother-in-law Mr Ellis Elias has been most kind + helpful + made all the business part quite easy for me - I have much to be thankful for -

Now dearest Mr Hearst I am afraid this will be a

P. & O. S. N. Co.
S. S. "Morea"
Aug. 11, 1913.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

We have now been three days at sea, on our way to India. I am most thankful to be here & not alone at Chorleywood. A parting from Phoebe so soon after the loss of my dear Husband would have been very terrible. Phoebe has arranged that we shall not be separated for some time longer. I know a parting must come later on, as she is married, but I take comfort in what is mine now.

We are having a most delightful voyage, so far. The sea has been perfectly calm ever since we left London Docks on the 8th. This boat is very large & comfortable. I am enjoying the voyage, so far, immensely. I trust we may continue to have good weather.

I had a time of great rush & exertion before leaving home. There was not quite a sufficiently long period between Phoebe's wedding & our departure to enable me to get through

everything I had to do comfortably - I was not very strong either, after a long illness - I was most fortunate in letting my house furnished for eight months, from Sept. 1st + perhaps for a year - this takes a great deal of anxiety from my mind, about the house, to know it will be in the hands of such nice people as I have secured for tenants - the rent is low, but it will be a help pecuniarily - + had it remained empty, I should have had to pay for a good care taker -

I had to store a number of trunks + also a great many pictures which were in the studio, on easels + piled together behind a curtain - the space had to be left free for the tenants. I sent away much china too - there is no room for storing at Hill Cottage - the house being small.

I cannot realise that I am going to India, that marvellously interesting country - I shall hope to go + see dear Wynn + his wife in Burma early next year. My future plans are quite uncertain + I have no idea how long I may stay in India - it depends on many things. Aside from leaving dear Lulie, there is not any feeling of duty to keep me in England - No one else really needs me. I wish she could return to Portugal, where she has old friends, but that country is too disturbed now.

I hope you are very well + enjoying the society of many friends at the Hacienda - I expect you have your grandsons with you + perhaps your son + daughter-in-law -

Phoebe + Allen seem very happy. I am thankful for it + that my dear child has the blessing of a good husband to care for her. May she long have it! - She joins me in best love - Miss Peak went to Chorleywood to see us two days before we left but we were all in London - I was so sorry not to see her. I will write soon again - always yours lovingly.

Emmie.

railway. One was very much shaken & we had very heavy rain on the way up, which made some of our luggage wet, but no very great damage was done.

Allen has taken this house, called "Tanglewood" for a year. It belongs to the Colonel of the 2nd Battalion of the regiment & he has gone to Chitral with the troops for a year.

It is very nice in some ways, but not nearly so good a house as the one Allen has bought. Phoebe will have a most charming home, with a lovely garden, from which there are fine views of both the valley & the great mountains.

Tanglewood
HILL COTTAGE, Dharmsala
CHORLEYWOOD, Punjab
HERTFORDSHIRE. India.

Sept. 21, 1913.

My dearest Mr. Heard.

We arrived at this place three weeks ago, after a successful & on the whole, pleasant voyage - journey. The heat in the Red Sea was great, but we all stood it well & were not prostrated by it.

The sea in the Indian Ocean was very rough & Phoebe & I kept in our berths & thereby avoided sea sickness.

I have been so very much interested

in everything we have seen which was new to me & it has done me good. We spent one day at Bombay & saw all we could of the fine city & charming surroundings - Malabar Hill.

We were two nights & nearly two days in the train & I was charmed with the picturesque & graceful appearance of the Indian women, in their draperies, so well arranged; in the groups of people near their cottages or in the fields, which we passed. I thought it all very beautiful.

The heat during the railway journey was fairly great, but it would have been worse, had not rain fallen just before - the country was looking beautifully fresh and green, this being the season of the monsoon -

I wish I could describe to you the beauty & grandeur of the scenery at this place. (6000 feet)

We are up very high & look over an immense stretch of country - far below, consisting of ranges of hills & valleys - Sometimes the colouring and effects are most beautiful.

We are on the side of thickly wooded mountains & far above, are a range of great rocky mountains, very grand in shape, which will be covered with snow later in the season -

We had sixty miles to drive, in a funny canvas-covered cart, with two wheels & no springs, after leaving the

The military band here is very fine & it is such a pleasure to listen to the music - It plays on certain afternoons -

I feel very helpless, not knowing Hindostani, but I am studying it a little & will gradually learn the words I need most. Phoebe seems to know a good deal & talks away to her servants. She learnt when she was staying here with Agnes.

I wish he & Evelyn were here now - they may come next year, but no plans are decided yet - I may go to Burma to see them after Christmas, but I dread the long journey alone.

I hope you are well & spending a pleasant Summer with all your relations & friends - I wrote to you during our voyage.

Phoebe joins me in best love -

Ever yours devotedly

Emmie.

HILL COTTAGE,
CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

Allen & Phoebe will make their house very pretty, I am sure - They cannot have it until the end of next year, as it is let furnished to the Colonel commanding the 1st Battalion.

Dear Phoebe seems very happy. She is busy mastering the details of Indian housekeeping - I am sure she will do it very efficiently when she has a little more knowledge of the language & some experience.

Her friends give her valuable

help and advice. Phoebe has a very good cook and other servants, all men. She & I share a nice little Ayah, or Dokha maid, wife of one of the soldiers, who comes early in the morning, gives us our tea, which everyone takes in India before getting up, waits on us & makes our beds & dusts.

Then she goes home & returns after lunch to sew or help us dress if we are going out & again before dinner to help us. She is the only woman there is about the house.

Life seems very luxurious in India, where labour is so plentiful & cheap & I am thankful that Phoebe's lot has been cast where she will be comfortable & not have to work hard, I mean manual work, as in countries where servants are very dear or hard to get, as in Canada or Australia.

She is looking forward to going on with her music and has brought out a good new piano, made especially to stand the climate of India. We sold our two English pianos & bought the new one. It will arrive in a few days.

I occupy a little cottage near the house and am quite comfortable. My bedroom has a door opening on the garden, with trees near. Of course I have my meals with Allen & Phoebe.

Ans d.

Tanglewood, Dharmsala -
Punjab, India.
April 20, 1914.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I am afraid it is some time since I have written to you. Each week I hoped to send off a letter. I have not been well & suffered terribly from severe toothache & facial neuralgia, which caused great loss of rest. Finally I was obliged to go all the way to Lahore, a long & expensive trip, to see a dentist. I much dreaded the travelling & arranging everything alone, so Allen kindly sent his bearer or valet with me, which was a great comfort & I had no trouble & quite enjoyed the short trip. Travelling in India is so interesting & the railway stations are so wonderful, with crowds of Natives in

I am so glad to tell you that Wynn has just been made Brigade Major at Rangoon. This is quite a good appointment on the Staff & a much better one than he had. An Essay of his has just been published in the Journal of the United Service Institution of India. It was a Gold Medal Essay & Wynn came out second. His brother officers of his Regiment here seem proud of him. He is certainly doing very well.

I hope you are very happy at the Hacienda the Spring must be beautiful there with the glorious masses of flowers you have. I trust you are well & that some of your grandsons are with you.

Phoebe joins me in warmest love. I hope soon to be able to give you more satisfactory news of her health. She often needs care & nursing & I am thankful to be here to give it to her.

Always yours devotedly
Emmie.

a great variety of costumes - It interests me enormously - I have felt much better since my return -

I am sorry to say Phoebe is not very strong or well - she looks delicate - I sometimes feel anxious about her -

She has great hopes of becoming a Mother but I doubt whether it is so - only wish it were, for it would account for many things - However, she seems - is very happy -

I do a good deal of the housekeeping which takes time - There are so many more details to attend to in this country, as most servants are dishonest - steal what they can - No doubt there are exceptions -

I am glad the Winter is over, for although there were weeks of lovely bright days, when the sun was always hot, the air at night was very keen - the change of temperature very great - I found it rather trying - I think - it caused my toothache to a great extent. We are so near the great snow mountains here - the scenery is most grand - beautiful -

I know you will be very sorry to hear that my poor little daughter-in-law has lost her baby - a daughter - It was still-born - came a few weeks too soon - There was no apparent cause for the catastrophe - It was a great disappointment, but Wynn writes that Evelyn was most good - brave about it - I am thankful to say she is doing well - gaining her health slowly. Her sister came out from England to stay with Evelyn - it was most fortunate -

I feel very sad about it -

TAJ MAHAL PALACE HOTEL
Telegraphic Address:
"PALACE - BOMBAY."

Bombay Feb. 2, 1915.

My dearest Mrs Hearst,

You will be surprised to hear from me from the above address. Our plans changed suddenly - the stupid doctor was quite mistaken about Phoebe's condition & no baby is expected. As soon as the poor girl found this was the case, she felt she could not stay so far away from her husband, as there was no reason for doing it. She applied at once for passages by the last convoy which leaves Bombay tomorrow - They were granted - we only had a week in which to do all packing & for Phoebe to leave her house in a proper state, with everything perishable packed in sealed tin boxes.

This is very necessary in the Indian climate. Your own understand, dear Sir's friend. What a sad & critical time in dear Phoebe's life, when her husband is in such danger. He is full of anxiety. I would like to leave her - 93

This awful war is over & our dear ones are spared, in the Autumn I should much like to go to California if you can have me then. I might go by sea Triumph the wonderful canal.

I will write as soon as we reach England. I don't know where we shall be, for I feel that to go back to Hull Cottage would be too terrible - it will be hard enough to return to England - I do dread it -

Poor dear Phoebe is very brave, but it is a terrible time for her. Pray we all may arrive safely. I will see Mr Lyle & set them as many things for them as possible

I am very thankful that I have been granted a passage in the troopship with Phoebe & Louie - I expected I might have to come by different steamer - that would also have been much more expensive so that we can be together as she is rich well on strong - I feared I might have to come by

Louie

P. & O. B. I.

P. & O. S. N. Co.
S. S. "Caledonia"

The Red Sea. Dec. 21, 1915.

My dearest Mrs Hearsh.

You see from the heading to this letter that I am well on my way to India. I embarked at London Docks on Dec. 4th. We have had a great deal of rough weather & I have had many very uncomfotable days, suffering greatly with my head, though not actually sea-sick.

It was very cold at first but now the weather is balmy & delightful & I sit on deck all day & enjoy it so much.

We will be at Aden in a few hours, where I shall be able to have this letter posted. I wished to write to you again before leaving England, but I had a great rush to get off & not very long to make all my preparations.

I now send you my best wishes for a very happy

Mrs. Elia

New Year - for many blessings to you - yours in 1916 -
May that year see the end of this terrible war! that would indeed be a blessing to the whole World -
Phoebe seems to be keeping fairly well, considering the circumstances. I expect to reach her early in January - after about a fortnights rest after my long journey we will go to Lahore to await the important event. May all go well with my dear child - may she become a happy Mother, a thing she desires most ardently -
I hope you are keeping well -
With warmest love, always, dearest Mrs Hearst

Yours devotedly
Emmie -

My Indian address will be:

Dharmsala
Punjab
India -

Dear Wynn is still in East Africa - his wife is in the same country, though not with him.

Allen is now a Major; having been in the Italian Army the required number of years to attain that rank.

Mrs. Elias

Wargrave, Dharmsala -
Punjab, India - Sept. 24, 1916.

My dearest Mr. Hearst.

It was a great pleasure to me to receive your kind letter of June 26th & to hear that you were happy in the society of all your grandchildren. I can imagine ~~imagine~~ what a glorious place the Hacienda is to them, with so many things to occupy & amuse them. The fine country air must do them so much good physically. I expect you have the pleasure of your sons - daughter-in-law's presence now.

I am very sorry to hear that the disturbed condition of Mexico has caused you much anxiety & loss. It is to be hoped the country will gradually quiet down now, as some settlement seems to have been arrived at - between the U.S. & Mexico -

The condition of War in Europe is indeed terrible. I fear there is still a long struggle still before our Allies, though the progress lately has been good. The victory must be absolute before civilised Nations are freed from the

despotic domination which has threatened them - I think right must conquer in the end -

There is a great probability that Allen will be ordered to the Front again - I am so thankful I am with Phoebe & also that she has a dear baby to comfort & interest her if her husband does go - Tony is a really beautiful & charming child - he develops so rapidly & becomes more interesting every day - Phoebe hopes to send you some photos of him soon -

Many thanks for your kind solicitude about my health. I am quite well now, but not yet as strong as before my illness - I did have typhoid, though a mild attack, & I know from my doctor that it takes months to recover entirely from the effects, as the heart is affected by it. I am steadily getting over this & it is only a matter of a little more time -

Wynn is much better, though not yet in his usual health & the doctors say he ought not to return to tropical climates for some time - I hope he will get some appointment in England for the present - Evelyn expects her baby in December & seems to be keeping well - I sent Wynn your kind message -

I have just relet my house in Chorleywood furnished for a year. I have been so lucky in having tenants ever since I left it three years ago, except for the few weeks Allen & Phoebe occupied it last year before they returned to India & then I requested a tenant to leave it - I feel I can never live there alone - The memories of happy years & of all I have lost are too terrible - It is much better for me not to be there - I wish to keep the charming house just as my dear husband arranged it, with his fine taste, for the use of Wynn or Phoebe when they want it - How dearest Mrs Hearsh adieu - Phoebe joins me in much love & I am as ever yours devotedly Emmie -

Wargrave, Dharmsala.
Punjab, India. Nov. 16, 1916.

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I wrote to you not long ago, but this is just a note to wish you a very happy Christmas & New Year. Letters take so long to reach California from here that I want to be in time -

I wonder whether you will go East to spend the holidays with your family or have them still with you at the Hacienda. Perhaps some of the children have stayed for the Winter.

Phoebe - I now have the entire care of Tony & it is a great pleasure to see so much of this good & charming baby. None could be better or sweeter -

The English nurse was good for him but a horrible demon in temper & insolence - The peace in the nursery after her departure was a comfort, but we now have a strenuous life & the duties with a young child are ceaseless - However, if we find them too much, Phoebe will

try - get some kind of nurse, white, coloured or mixture, but they seem very difficult to find -

Allen is still here, I am thankful to say, but he is liable to leave for the Front at any time, but each week is precious to Phoebe & makes one less to be separated from him.

The campaign is going fairly well, but I fear it will be a long struggle yet - & still greater sacrifices will have to be made.

Wynn is still in England & has an extension of leave - I expect he will be fit for some work at the end of it even if he is not well enough to go to the Front.

Now dearest Mrs Hearst I will close, as I have a great deal to do & this is mail day. Much love from me & Phoebe & best wishes for happy things to you & yours.

Ever yours devotedly

Emmie.

Personal Letter

Feb. 27

Tanglewood, Dharmsala - Punjab -
India - Aug. 8, 1917.

My dearest Mr. Hearst.

I am afraid I have not written to you for over two months. We had a severe earthquake here early in May, & I think I sent you a letter after that unfortunate event. Allen's & Phoebe's charming house still stands, but it is so cracked & shaken that they can never live in it again -

I don't know what will happen, but I suppose, if Allen continues to serve in his present regiment, that he will have to rebuild his house -

He has been away since the end of May, where there has been a good deal of fighting - that is over for the present - he expects to return here in a few weeks, but for how long a time, nobody knows. This terrible long War is truly awful -

the splendid help the United States will give in the struggle will hasten the end I hope, but it is a long way off still. I wonder whether you feel the effects of War in California yet. Out here we do not realise it, as there are none of the privations & restrictions in food as in England - I often feel anxious about dear ones there -

Wynn seems to be much better & stronger in health & he hopes to be given some light duty soon - the dear baby Richard seems to be doing well. I sent Wynn your kind message about having received his letter & hoping to write to him -

Phoebe has built a nice wooden hut in this garden, near the house, where we all sleep & feel much safer than in the house - the monsoon is in progress & we have most severe & constant rain & everything is so damp - Dear Tony has been feeling it & did not take his food well for some weeks, especially as he was cutting four teeth at once. Now they are through & he has a good appetite & is doing well. He is a most amusing & charming little person - He has beautiful golden brown hair which, the longer it grows, the tighter it curls all over his head - I hope you are quite well & have your son & his family with you as last year. Phoebe joins me in much love - As ever, dearest Mrs Hearn, yours devotedly. Emmie -

until he returns to work or enters Sandhurst as a cadet, according to the result of the examination. I trust it may be the latter case. He would be so happy to have a soldier's life before him. If we ever see him in an honourable position in that profession, it will be entirely owing to your generous help, dear Mrs Hearst, for we could never have given him the necessary education otherwise. Phoebe has done good work during the term & now she is much looking forward to paying some visits to old School friends in Tonbridge during the holidays. She thought of you on your birthday. I hope you have enjoyed the week in Rome. With our united warmest love,

Always your devoted

Emmie.

Thanks.

36 Kensington Park Road
London W. Dec. 9th

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

Your kind & charming letter reached me safely, & it gave me more pleasure than I can express. I so much appreciated your fondness in writing it yourself, when you have so much to occupy your time. I feel very glad, dearest Mrs Hearst that you are pleased

to have Phoebe's miniature - like the work. It is so encouraging to me to know you feel proud of what I have done - very good of you to tell me so.

I am anxious to see your photographs - hope they will be good, so that I can begin the miniatures at once.

It is such a pleasure to us all to think of seeing you next May. What a delightful plan you have for the Winter - I am so glad you are going up the Nile, for I know it is a trip you have always wished to accomplish.

Dear Wynn's examination is all over, except practical Chemistry, which takes place next Monday - He has been in a calm - cheerful frame of mind through it all - hopes he has done fairly well, but of course he cannot tell how he stands among so many - the examination is competitive - He will now have a good rest, either

Private

My dearest Mother.

As you think it best not to let all the world know one's misfortunes, just as I think too, I write a few lines privately. Our trouble is with the underwriting, which is having almost an unprecedented run of disasters & ill luck. As you know, Aylf chief income has been from this source — the business instead of giving an income has been a source of loss to

discouraging after years of such hard work to be able to do nothing with one's knowledge. However, hundreds of clever men have starved before us, so we must be patient.

Dear Papa was so kind & insisted on my taking five pounds the morning I left Sheffield. I did not want to take it, but he made me —

I wish you would send me a lock of your dear hair. I love Papa & want to have both but in a locket together. Please don't forget this. You had better burn this note. Ever your devoted child

Emmie

You are right not to worry Aunt Susan till Papa returns

Alfred for nearly two years past. He went up to London and two days to ask about giving up the thing altogether. He was advised not to do so just now as the sum required to close up in the present bad state is very large. & if he did leave it, there would be no chance whatever of ever redeeming our lost fortune.

Papa thought he certainly ought to keep on. It is all a lottery - is a cause of very great anxiety to us both, but we must hope for the best. It may get better or may keep on in this bad way, lose us still more money. Do we can say. If only Alfred could sell pictures a little we could do very well, but alas! that does not come. It is

to see my people - but before leaving Paris, I received such a heartrending letter from my mother saying she could not stand another winter in Portugal that we changed our plans - Any money that Alfred can spare I feel sure he intends for her support next winter & I shall try & have her come to Paris if possible - so we will not go South - I am disappointed, as I was looking forward to seeing them all, especially my father - he is getting old & no one knows what changes may come in a year - Still circumstances seem to order otherwise ..

My Brother has just written to say that Clara is not at all

My dearest Friend.

It has indeed been a treat to me to have a letter from your own hand - You are very kind to give me even a few moments, when I can so well imagine the numerous calls you must have on your time and strength.

You are very kind to give such details about the mines - Alfred did not know that he was also interested in the "Ontario" or he would not have thought

of courtesy you in regard to it - He wishes me to thank you -

I was indeed surprised at what you say in regard to my father - If ~~such~~ such a thing could ever be, what a blessing to them all - It seems too good to think about already -

My dear friend, did I for a moment give you the impression, in one of my letters that I blamed you for giving my brother hope - This was so far from what I meant as possible - You well know how much you have been to her, & without your generous aid & sympathy, I don't know how she could have borne up so long - It was simply because I knew that she stakes all on this hope, that I mentioned it to you - I am sure you will understand me -

I received the "Examiner" you sent me some time ago, & am delighted to see that there are ambitious plans for its benefit - I do sincerely hope all will turn out well -

If you know we had intended going to Lisbon this autumn

well & that she would like
her to come here for the baths.
This we could not do, as we
both this house with Alfred's
sisters for the summer, & there
really is not room for Clara -

So Alfred told me to write &
say that if she needs the
baths, he will defray expenses
for herself & Mamma & go to
the seaside for some days -

He has the choice between that
a visit to us in Paris, or
our return there -

My husband is not strong -
& he had means he would
I am sure do all in his power

Mrs. Elsie

Bro Frank

Private

pr my pupils - but under existing circumstances, you know I don't like it too much - This is a subject that never ceases to cause me anxiety - How I wish my sisters could find good husbands - The future is really so uncertain for them, that this is much to be desired -

They are studying hard + Lulu wrote me a letter in French last week, very creditable for the time she has been studying -

I hope I am not wearying you with all this, still I feel so like having a long talk about it all with you, + this is the only way possible -

Don't let all those silly, stupid, dressy people in L.I. take every bit of life out of you - They would soon learn after a few lessons to let you alone except on your day for receiving them -

I really must say good bye now - Please destroy this letter -

With warmest love, ever your devoted Lennie -

Alfred & I will enjoy so much visiting together in the South of Spain here it is much too cold -

I trust Will is quite well again - Give him my love & say I am delighted to hear of his studious ways & dutiful ways to his dear Mother -

Now my dearest friend & will I close for the present - & you will hear from me very soon again - & feel so doubly grateful to you now, for it is through you & home friends my dear husband who makes me so happy - He is much better now - & hope you are also improving - & did you see Mrs Lyell's in Paris this last time, I am so much to do, but write & send the remaining money for the month of Jan, & some of my wedding cake & send a box out home, which you are to share - & thought it best to send all at once -

My dear Husband is so very kind & thoughtful in every way - & I am indeed a fortunate girl, & feel very thankful for all my blessings & trust Alpheus prosperity is going to spare me, & hope to remain as much like my old self as possible as far as all old associations are concerned. You know better than anyone else all I feel, and can understand that I have seen enough of life's trials not to be dazzled or spoilt

by sudden prosperity, such as I have enjoyed for the past year & a half, thanks to your dear generosity -

How I do hope you may be able to come to Europe ere long! - What a pleasure we should enjoy in talking over all together.

I should feel exactly like your old Empress, & wouldn't it seem queer to you to find me with a husband! -

I feel as if we had been married a long time, for all the strangeness has worn off, and it seems quite natural for us to be together -

Madrid is fine - very modern - not particularly interesting, except for the splendid Gallery, which you shall study carefully -

I hope you will be a little satisfied with the sketches I sent - I was almost ashamed to do so, for they are so faulty - but I thought they might be interesting to you all who will make allowances through your love.

I have made the most of it, however, while the opportunity lasted. I hope you have been able to get all the necessary work done at the Hacienda & are thoroughly enjoying that delightful place.
I trust your health is good - do take care of your dear self so that you can come to Europe again at some future time.

Alfred & Wynn join me in much love & again thanking you for your letter,

Ever yours devotedly

Emmie.

trouble by thinking too much of his departure, while we are fortunate in having him with us.
My days are divided between painting & gardening - the latter I fear sometimes taking up the greater part & I return to miniature painting feeling rather guilty after a prolonged weeding on the tennis lawn. This interesting spot is really improving very much & the turf is growing thick & strong, as I expel the weeds & coarse grass. I wonder if you ever helped to cultivate a lawn? it is really

an exciting pursuit - Alfred is amused at my enthusiasm - he prefers golf, which is much better for him, as he meets pleasant society at the same time. Alfred has also done a good deal of sketching, in spite of the uncertain weather we have had this Summer.

The verandah is a constant source of pleasure - satisfaction to me - in fact we all enjoy it greatly. We have breakfast, lunch - tea there - I do all my painting in the same place. If you look at the photo I sent you of the back view of this house, you will notice a low wall on the left. That forms a sort of open room at one end of the verandah - here there is a large table, which can be used for every purpose. The evenings have not been warm enough to enable us to dine in the verandah + now we are in September - must soon expect chilly days, when this out-door life will be no longer possible.

be to have him at home again.
My dear Mother seems in better
health now than during the
Winter, but I fear she must be
quite frail + weak from the way
she writes. She + Lulu are going
to the North of Portugal for the
Summer, in order to escape the
great heat. Your generous
help comes regularly, dearest
Mrs Hearst, + is of the greatest
possible blessing to us. We fail
it impossible to express our
thankfulness + appreciation of your
kindness. Alfred + the children join me
in best love, + hoping you are well + happy
+ that your son is also well, I am as always,
Yours very sincerely Emmie

Mrs. Hearst

of the lady. The first miniature
was also done from a photograph,
being of a man who is dead.
I find this very interesting work.
There is, as you probably know, a
great revival of this charming
branch of painting. I intend de-
voting more time to it + perhaps
may obtain further orders for
portraits. It is rather trying to
the eyesight + I find I cannot
devote more than three hours a
day to it without feeling some
fatigue.

I have lately painted several life-size portraits, those of Wynn & Phoebe among them - They are both considered good likenesses.

Alfred has two pictures in the Salon this year - He has done a great deal of work this Winter & has painted some pictures that I like very much.

We have had a mild Winter, but the Spring has been very wet & chilly - we are still obliged to have fires all day - I shall be glad when the warm weather comes.

Phoebe is very much interested in gardening now, & devotes all her spare time to digging & planting. She is very fond of flowers -

I hope your Father & Mother are in good health - Do you intend going out to California this Summer?

My sister Clara has lately been nursing her children through the measles - They are now well again. Her husband has completed half of his sea service - How anxious she must

my for I am sorry since
of the plain things myself -
such as the table mykit flannels
& my servant & I are hemming
the napkins by degrees & I've
have them used about the
house & then washed to make
them softer -
I await that box with all
the pretty things most impatiently
& the beautiful dress you are sending
me & I will appreciate it all
coming from home! -
Alfred sends love & wishes
writing you -
I do hope you will be able
to come to Europe next year -
Give love to Mr Hearst & Will
& with a large share for your
dear self, believe me as ever
Your most devoted & grateful
Emma

What can I say, my
dearest friend, to express
the gratitude I feel to you
for all your goodness to
my dear ones? - I hear
it all & it does make
me so happy - You are
very, very good & I hope
it
will one day be in our
power to show how much
we have all appreciated
it -
Of course you know all
about my parents' plans
and can imagine how
very happy I feel at the

prospect of having them
as much nearer to me
& only trust that the
change may be for their
happiness and good.
My dear Mother has had
such a hard life the
last few years that I
am anxious to see
her relieved as soon as
possible & while there is
yet a ~~possibility~~ chance of
her health being improved
I wait most impatiently
to hear of their plans
& how soon they will be
able to start. You can
understand why we telegraphed
to prevent my Father's
leaving America by himself - it would have
greatly complicated matters
had he done so -
Things are going much
the same as usual
with us - Alfred is busy
at his painting and
making progress -
I do as much work as
possible, but find I
get tired very soon &
often have to lie down
during the day - I devote
this time to reading & see-

We expect to return to Hollywood in a fortnight.

I hope you are well & enjoying your home, also that you have some of the dear little boys with you.

We all send much love —

Ever, dearest Mrs Hearst,

Yours devotedly

Emmie.

[Incomplete]

I sometimes think it is too fatiguing for him, but having undertaken it, he does not like to give it up, unless he sees some chance of this vital question of proper home defence being carried through.

I fear, though, it will be a long time before this takes place.

So many people cannot, or will not let themselves realise the necessity of it.

Phoebe also does a great deal of the work to help her Father, especially in the evening.

We have constant news of Wynn - he seems well - is very busy as usual at the Staff College. The course ends in December - then we hope to have the happiness of seeing him at home early next year, unless something unforeseen should prevent his coming.

Wynn wrote that he had heard from you not long ago.

My dear Mrs. Wynne—

My trip to the north is about concluded, for I shall go for a few days to Vienna, then to Dresden and Munich, after which I ~~shall go to~~ expect to reach Paris for a two weeks' ~~stay~~ in September.

I have been looking forward to a delightful visit with you and Lulu in Paris, but Emily's letter tells me of Mr. Wynne's illness, and the necessity for an operation. I sincerely hope that it has proved less serious than you feared, and that he is so far advanced in convalescence as to justify you in leaving him for a short ~~time~~ period.

My own time is now limited, for I shall probably have to sail for America on Oct. 16th, and I long to see you again.

I have had to ~~hasten~~ my steps more than is well for me, for the absorbing interest of a trip like this does not leave me any margin of time to rest in, so that I am far from strong and very much fatigued.

The preoccupations and exhaustion of rapid journeying during the next month, give me little hope of recuperating fully, but if there is no rest on land for me, perhaps I shall get it on the sea.

I feel amply repaid for coming to the "Land of the Midnight Sun", for, in addition to great beauty of situation, particularly in the cases of Stockholm and St. Petersburg, the museums are a liberal education in themselves. The National Museum in Copenhagen is chronologically arranged, so that really "he who runs may read." One sees there at first

the tools and implements used in the Stone Age, then come those of the Bronze Age, showing plainly an advance in the mode of living. Finally we see the Iron Age ushered in, the ruder domestic utensils and appliances for the arts of the time becoming more and more perfectly adapted to the need, with ornamentation struggling into beauty or symmetry.

Then, after ~~seeing this~~ these visible signs of the history and growth of the people, as a whole, the Ethnographical Museum, with its scientific arrangement of skulls, plainly shows one the development of the individual, from a creature scarcely human, to the finest type of Caucasian head.

The Zoological and Mineralogical Museums of St. Petersburg are a revelation, for there one sees fossil remains of extinct animals, and then the skeleton of the mammoth, which sets one wondering what physical changes the earth has undergone since that huge creature roamed in frigid lands, while its tiny representative, the elephant, lives only in the tropics. I have seen as

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3 Rue de Bonaparte
Paris 28th Jan: 1880.

My dear Miss Hunt.

I was much pleased to receive your letter & very glad to hear that Emmie is better - I was also sorry that the illness of Emmie should cause you to have any anxiety about Emily's health - your not having received her letter before leaving for England

to visit to Emmie - it has been, I can assure you, so much pleasanter to every body having her, amongst friends who understand her -

I am so sorry to hear that you too have been so much & hope he is better - you also have been suffering the change & the milder climate of San Francisco will I trust do you much good -

Dear Emmie sends her love to you - I feel sure

was the cause of the
misunderstanding —
It is, as you know, a great
disappointment to us both
not having you here for
our wedding; but I can
well understand the
difficulties in the way of
your coming over yet —
How splendid of
you are to dear Emmie —
It is needless for me to tell
you how much she appreciates
your kindness & how
much I share her feelings —
It is still unsettled when
the wedding is to take place.
The Coates were very kind
to Emmie when she was
in England, but I don't
know whether they will go
as far as to have the
wedding from their house
especially as they have just
been plunged in mourning
through the death of a favorite
Nephew - but we shall
hear for certain in a day
or two now.
The Ramsays have been

5 Rue de Boulogne
Paris 25th July 1880.

My dear Mr. Heart

It is indeed a long time since I last had the pleasure of writing to you & it is also long since my dear Emmie heard from you. I can well understand how after so long an absence all your time is taken up & trust it is passing as pleasantly a

from the first, the girl would be named Phoebe Dora Lynn Elsie & if a boy Alfred Heart Lynn E.

Today is quite an event in our life, for I have just taken an appartement for three years. We are both delighted with it. It is on the boulevard close to the Park Monceau & consists of Dining. Drawing. & two bed rooms & another room which will be Emmie's studio. it costs us £35 p month

you could desire.

Emmie has been writing so regularly that she leaves me but little to say to you, she tells you all our doings & all our plans. The great piece of News she told you when last she wrote & I dare say you were not very surprised to hear it! but she did not tell you that I especially wanted you to be godmother to the Child & in the case of it's being a girl (as Emmie says it is to be) to name it Phoebe after you & in the case of a boy Heard; that to show you how much I appreciate all your kindness to my dear wife & how I wish to perpetuate the memory of it - My sister Dora also wants to be one godmother & as she took so much interest in our love affair

With kindest regards and remembrances. believe me
My dear Mrs Heard,

Yours most sincerely
Alfred Elwin.

Alfred Elwin - July 1880
Godmother regrets

a rent rather higher than
we meant to pay. but
the situation is so charming
& the rooms so bright & healthy
that we decided to take it &
Emmie is willing to economise
in other ways to obtain so
pleasant a home - do you
think we are very extravagant?
We leave tomorrow for
the Country: it is like a
little village at a wayside
inn on the Marne, some
three hours journey from
Paris, that we are going to

stay - the scenery is charming & the living very cheap, so we hope to spend a pleasant & economical month or six weeks at hard work before settling down in Paris -

We had a very nice visit to England & I think Emmie enjoyed it altogether, though owing to her not being very strong at the time the continual going out by day & night as well as night-seeing rather tired her.

When do you think of returning to Europe? We hope to see you here again before long - or do you intend settling down in San Francisco altogether?

Emmie needs her last tone & says she feels much better now again; she has an enormous appetite about which I chaff her a good deal - but she does'nt mind.

6 Boulevard de Courcelles
25th Dec. 1880.

My dear Mrs Heaut.-

I cannot let this day go by without writing a few lines to wish you all the compliments of the season & especially a very happy New Year. and many happy New Years after the one that will now be come be here. I also avail myself of this opportunity to thank you again for all your kindness

at the prospect of having Her parents over here before long. although Portugal is not very get-at-able the distance is short by comparison -

Is there nothing I can do for you in Paris? you know how glad I should be if I could be of any service to you -

I enclose a little card,

& remain

Yours very sincerely

Alfred Elwin -

Alfred Elwin

Emmie sends her best love & will write in a few days

to my dear wife & to tell you how much I appreciate your good-nes towards the little Elsie that is shortly to make his or her appearance -

Emmie writes so often to you that I ~~am~~ afraid she has told you everything that can interest you as to our mode of living & our little "installation" She makes a capital manager & finds housekeeping a much less fearful undertaking than she expected - we have a very good little servant & you know how much that facilitates everything -

I have just been working at a portrait of Emmie. if it turns out at all satisfactorily you shall have a photograph of it - She is wearing a black lace mantilla which is very becoming to her -

Is there any chance of your coming over to Europe again soon? we should both be so glad to see you -

Emmie is of course delighted

were again on terra firma.

I enclose a check, but I am at a loss to know just the amount of money expended. The coffer was five hundred and fifty francs, but the charge for packing, for shipping, and for the mineral water must be included. At any rate, I will send eight hundred francs, and if that sum is not sufficient, will you have the kindness & let me know how the account stands?

When I shall have regained my strength I will write to Lulu and Emmie; in the meantime, I send a great deal of love to them and to the children.

Again thanking you for your kindness, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

Phebe A. Hearst.

1400. New Hampshire Avenue,
January 27, 1890.

My dear Mr. Elias:

I am delighted to have an opportunity given me to answer your letter, of date the twenty-first of December.

As you know, every moment of my time is allotted; and, for the past week, upon me was a painful sense that mental power was clogged by the insatiable epidemic which has spread over all the country. My system was in no condition to resist its insidious assault, and I could take no method of silencing the monster other than the one I took - the needful help

and advice of an excellent physician, and perfect rest and quiet.

I endured considerable fatigue, while in California, owing to the serious illness of my father; and I nursed Will. through an attack of the influenza. I also gave personal attention to scores of things that needed doing.

I am glad to know that you are about to hoist anchor and start for Archachon, where you may take refuge for a time, and where I trust Wynnie may be restored to health.

I am very sorry that you are to be disappointed in your visit to Lisbon. Can you not induce your sisters to remain with the children for a short time, that you and Emmie may enjoy your trip?

Allow me to thank you for the lovely etchings after Hervier. It was very kind and thoughtful of you to thus remember me, and I prize your gift most highly.

I am much pleased to know that you found a copper for me, and I consider the price most reasonable. From your description of it, it must be very beautiful, and I presume that I shall have the pleasure of seeing it soon. For Mr. Marr and Mr. Peck arrived at New York on the 25th inst., having been fourteen days at sea and having encountered fearful storms. I had become most anxious about them, and was greatly relieved to have a telegram from Orrin stating that they

Arrebalde - Cintra.
Portugal 2nd March 1891

My dear Mrs Heard,

The news of your sad loss has just been received. It is impossible for me to say anything that can in any way mitigate your great sorrow - Still in our greatest trials it helps us ~~not~~ to bear them better, to feel that we possess the real sympathy of loving friends & that part of our sorrow is shared by others -

It is needless to say that we

all, & dear Emmie & her father & Mother, sympathize with you most deeply —

I trust that your dear husband passed painlessly away & that you were able to be with him at the last.

It must be a great consolation to you to feel what a happy, useful & successful life his has been, &, even in your sorrow, to remember how much he has been appreciated by his fellow citizens —

I hope I have not encroached too much upon your mourning & trusting that your health has not severely suffered from the effects of this dreadful shock.

I am, my dear Mrs Hunt

Your devoted friend

Alfred Mills.

Please give my love to Lulu — & to Clara & Littleton if they are in Washington —

Dear Emmie has written to you Enclosing hers in Mrs Wynne's —

[redacted] Coolidge -
FEB 6 1896
Kent - Texas
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Day - 1895.

My dear Mrs Heard

Dear Emmie

& Phoebe wrote & your letter to be received by Xmas, I take advantage of this day of Goodwill to send you greetings, which I hope will reach you on or about New Years day - May you have very many happy & prosperous New Years & renewed strength & health & Enable you thoroughly & to enjoy them -

We have spent a quiet though very happy Xmas day, being all,

I am happy to say in good health & dear Emmie & I free, owing to your generosity, from the wearing anxiety of the past few years —

The holidays are now in full swing, the children are greatly enjoying them after having both done very well during the past term & made considerable progress, Wynn in his mathematics & Phoebe in her music —

Mr. Wynn & Lulu had a terrible passage to Lisbon on their return & poor Mr. Wynn must have suffered intensely —

We are both hard at work, I having just finished two moderate sized pictures & one beginning on a another one, Emmie has nearly finished a pretty one of a girl with a hoop resting amongst some wild flowers —

I am very sorry you are not coming to Europe next Spring as we both looked forward to seeing you there again —

Emmie & the children send much love & join me in all good wishes for the coming year —

I am ever
Your most sincerely
Alfred Elmore —

well, the Children are growing
apace & both are, I think,
working well & as good as they
can be - Dear Emmie is
a little tired, she does so much
& is not very strong - She fortnight
we spent at the Sea-side at
Exeter however did her a great
deal of good -
Emmie has been doing some
very good work indeed & is
constantly improving; She is
now painting the portrait of a
young lady, a neighbour, which
I am sure will be successful -

about A Collie
Dry Hill - Tollridge
26th April 1876

My dear Mrs Heard,
At last I
have found a Collie dog
for you that I hope you will
accept safely & that you will
like -
He is only ten months old
& has some of the very best
Collie blood in his veins, his
father being a grandson of
the celebrated Champion dog
"Eclipse" & his mother the
granddaughter of Mr Megloms

equally celebrated Champion
dog "Dretchly Wonder" which
was sold for over £500 -
He belonged to a shepherd
in this neighborhood, who had
him from Lord Derby's estate-
I went to the largest dog-show
in London & to the Collie Club
show at Westminster, where
Emmie went with me & Carlo
found no young dog that I liked
so well -
As he has been living alone
with the Shepherd & his wife,
- who shed many tears at the
idea of parting with him -
he may be a little shy at
first in a town, but he will
soon get accustomed to general
society I've no doubt - he
seems to be most playful and
affectionate -
Lewis & Allen are shipping
him off tomorrow & they will
advise your agent in New York -
I do hope that you are
now quite strong again - We,
I am thankful to say, are all

as a souvenir of our very
happy stay in Paris last
Autumn –

besides having painted some
charming pictures & made a
very good portrait - life-size - of
me - Emmie would not
accord to any Exhibitions this
year, she has been, most
unjustly I consider, refused
some years in succession & as she
feels these refusals to such an
extent that it really interferes
with her work, I think she is
quite right not to send at
present, but to work steadily on
& a day will surely come when
the exhibitions will ask for her
pictures! They would now, I believe

if they knew her work better -

I have been very lucky this season, having a large one - & [illegible] long - well placed at the Royal Academy, a small one at the New Gallery & two rather large ones at the Champs Elysées Salon - I will send you photographs of some of them soon -

We are all so sorry you are not coming to Europe this Spring -

I have not forgotten about the books, but there have been no opportunities about here of late - I shall collect books for you relating principally to the fine arts -

Emmie joins me in much love & the children also send their love -

Both Wynne & Phoebe enjoy their bicycles so very much. Phoebe rides very nearly now -

I am ever,

Your most sincerely,

Alfred Elsas -

P.S.

The Dog's name is "Hero" -

I trust you'll accept him from me

Dry Hill - Tonbridge
27th Sept: 96.

My dear Mrs Heard -

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 4th August, which reached us while we were at the Sea-side - I note what you write about collecting books, & only wish there were something I could do for you, & show you how much I appreciate your great kindness to us - It is a great comfort & me to learn that, "Dundee" & I call him by his new name,

as foreigners & have much chance - Burne Jones, in my mind, is the most notable man for the position; but he has mixed so little with his fellow academicians that his merits as an artist may be over-looked - Watts would not be likely to accept the honor of President, otherwise he is the only other artist whose achievements would place him on a par with Burne Jones - i.e. amongst the older men -

Dear Emmie has told you all the news & how much we enjoyed our stay by the sea

has turned out so satisfactorily & that he is such a favorite.

I trust that after the election affairs will settle down in the United States & that prosperity will again become general – Business has also been very unsettled & the Eastern question, which looks a little less threatening to day, prevents any immediate improvement –

It must be a great satisfaction to your son & to you to see that his paper is so successful & likely soon to prove so profitable

Art in England has sustained a great loss in the death of the two last presidents of the Royal Academy; they will be difficult to replace, one for his polished oratory & distinguished manners & the other for his talent as a painter – There is no one so fitted to fill the office as were either of these two last presidents & the choice of the R.A.s will probably fall upon either Prinsep or Richmond Alma Tadema & Herkomer being looked upon too much

& how much good it did
us all — Emmie has painted
some charming pictures lately,
& I feel sure that some day
she will obtain the appreciation
of the public —

Wynn is still working hard in
the hope of being able to enter
the army; in about two years
from now, he will have to go
up for his examination. I hope
he will get in but the com-
petition is very severe —
Phoebe is making great progress
with her music & I hope will

turne out, in time, a really good pianist. — She also shows some signs of a nice voice, but it is too early to judge of that yet. She is very happy at her school, which is a great bless-

I must now, my dear Mrs Heaut, say good bye & with kindest remembrances,

I am ever.

Yours most sincerely,

Alfred Ellis —

Elias

Bay Hill - Tonbridge
[ca. Mar. 1898]

My dear Mrs Heaut

I am enclosing a letter for you from Phoebe - Although dear Emmie thanked you for your charming present to us at the New Year, for us all, I now wish to tell you how pleased I am with the pretty photograph frame you sent me -

We hear from Mrs Wynn that you are back again in California & that you purpose going to Mexico - Mrs argues the way of well paid positions & high commands -

Dear Emmie continues to paint miniatures & I think them very successful - There is quite a revival here of the taste for them - I have just finished a rather large picture of which I will send you a photograph -

Since writing the above your charming souvenir in the shape of a Calender by Remington has just arrived please accept my best thanks for it - I know the artists' work

it may be some time before
we shall have the pleasure
of seeing you again in England -
I hope you are in good health
& that you will enjoy your
expedition -

What a dreadful catastrophe
that is that has just occured
on board the "Maine" & what
dreadful suffering & sorrow
it has caused!

You will be glad to learn that
that Wynn & Phoebe are both
well & that both are very
busy working - Wynn for his
examination & Phoebe at
her music, in which she is
also going up for an examination -

Wynn will probably try to
get into the Marines as the
expenses of living in that corps
are less than in the infantry
& he will not require a long
course in the Military
Academy - as Wynn is very
fond of the sea I think he
may be happy in that branch
of the service, although there
are not so many prizes in

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from his illustrations - he is very clever & very exact in his delineation of horses -

Now that I have reason to think that you are not coming over here soon, & as I have ascertained at Lewis & Allens, that they know of nothing about to be sent out for you, I am despatching my "Christmas Card" (rather late in the day you will say) in the shape of a Barye Bronze, which I hope will arrive safely & that you will like it -

Dec. 3 1875
Elm. Place
Brooklyn

you may find it suitable
for some place in your
California Country home —
I have seen articles in the
papers, notably in the "Times"
about the interest you take
in & the help you are rendering
to the scheme for the aggrand-
izement of the Berkeley
University — What a noble
institution it will be!
Emmie & the children join
me in much love & good
wishes —

Ever yours most sincerely
Alfred Elsi

16, WARWICK GARDENS,
KENSINGTON.

10th Dec: 190

My dear Mrs Heard

I hope this letter will reach you on Christmas day & convey to you all our very best wishes for your happiness Health & prosperity - You must know how sincere these wishes are & how grateful we all feel to you for your

Enthusiasm & is decidedly making a great deal of progress - Wynn, whom we miss very much, is very happy & interested in his work and surroundings - in a few months he will be appointed to a native regiment. On what that regiment is, depends a great deal of his future career -

Eunice & I have sent you two pieces of old silk, as

generosity and kindness to us - We were all very sorry not to see you this autumn & I am sorry you were unable to see the Exhibition, for from all I hear it was a marvellous display & there was so much of interest in various ways -

I hope you are not now feeling quite so anxious about your dear father & that he may yet be spared to you - Dearest Emmie is very well & is so very happy living in London in our nice little house - She has considerable success with her miniatures, so much so that she has had any time for other work since our return from the country

Phoebe continues to pursue her art with industry and

16, WARWICK GARDENS,
KENSINGTON.

Xmas card a trifling souvenir
I hope they will arrive
safely -
Accept our best thanks for
the plans + accounts of the
New University buildings -
How magnificent these
buildings will be when
carried out - are they to
be commenced immediately?

I enjoy painting in my new
Studio very much indeed - I
have been doing a good many
portels lately which people
seem to like -

With much love & best wishes
from us all for a very happy
Christmas & New Year, believe
me dear Mrs Heaut
Ever yours most sincerely
Alfred Elsis -

Alfred Ellis

16, WARWICK GARDENS,
KENSINGTON.
23rd July. 1904.

My dear Mr. Heaut.

I enclose a prospectus of the hotel at Engelberg which I have heard very well spoken of & to which we propose to go on the 9th of August. If you will let me know when to do so, I will order rooms for you & choose the best I can find - if we are already at Engelberg -

Dear Emmie, If you &
Phoebe join me in much
love -

Yours most sincerely

Alfred Elsas

I hope you have received
my letter written two or
three days ago -

You will be glad to hear that
Phoebe gained a Medal
for Harmony at the Royal
Academy of Music - the
distribution of Prizes was
yesterday -

I do hope you are enjoying
& that your health is profiting
by your stay at Dunrobin.
Here it continues to be warm
but the weather is for
from unbearable -

Public feeling as to trouble
with Russia is much calmer
to day & hope seems every hour
of the matter being amicably
settled -

amongst all classes here & the daily bulletins are awaited with the keenest anxiety - today is a trifle more hopeful -

Emmie & Phoebe join me in much love -

Ever yours most sincerely

Alfred Eliot -

16, WARWICK GARDENS,
KENSINGTON.

10th October 1904

My dear Dr. Heard.

I must thank you very much for sending me the cheque for £30 through Messrs Armstrong & Co. It arrived safely a few days ago.

We heard from dear Mr. Wynn that you had been suffering from a rather severe cold: we all hope that you have now quite recovered from

Alfred Eliot

the disagreeable affliction & that it has left no ill effects.

Mrs Wynn was looking forward with great pleasure to the day she was to spend with you. I hope the weather was fine. Meeting you again is I am sure a great joy to her & I am so very glad she has been able to enjoy this great happiness.

We are now all settled down again to our usual routine after our most delightful holiday. We heard from Wynn yesterday from Port Said - he was having a very pleasant journey with several cheerful acquaintances - & without any Sea-sickness! he is due at his destination in two or three days from now.

Phoebe played at another Academy Concert on Saturday last & acquitted herself very well indeed.

Lady Curzon's illness has caused the greatest sympathy & interest

16, WARWICK GARDENS,
KENSINGTON.
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My dearest Mrs Heard.

Accept my best thanks for your note of the 13th & its enclosure -

It was so very good of you to write the day before leaving on your journey, when you must have had so much to do & to think about.

We all hope you will much enjoy your travels in Palestine & your stay in Jerusalem & that you may

must have seen most of the work now being exhibited it will be most interesting to see the familiar works once again & so large a collection of them together - There has also been a most interesting exhibition of Fantin Latour's work - his paintings & lithographs - not an exhaustive one, but still one that shows his many great qualities & charm.

Good bye, my dear Mrs Heard. Florence joins me in much love & Phoebe sends love to Mrs Arnold Rhodes.

Ever yours most sincerely
Alfred Gleichen -

Alfred Gleichen

Love a pleasant journey
to Jaffa & back - I wonder
by the bye, whether you are
returning to Egypt or whether
you like go on to Constantinople
London is already getting!
very full - The opening of
Parliament & recommencement
of Court functions bring
brought many people to town
Unfortunately the weather
is not very pleasant just now
very cold winds with rain

& sleet. Dear Emmie &
Phoebe are both very well.
I have been kept in the house
a bit by a cold, but have
now quite got over it -

That dear old Gentleman
Sir H. L. Bowker died last
Sunday - He had been
getting gradually weaker
for some time & passed
away quite painlessly &
peacefully -

Yesterday the great
Whistler Exhibition opened -
I hope to see it in a few
days - although I think &

Herongate - Rickmansworth
11th September 1905.

My dear Mrs Heant -

We were all so delighted to receive your letter from your mountain home; it was so full of sympathy that it was most cheering - there is only one thing that it lacked & that was any reference to your own health - I hope that was because you have not to think much about it now being quite yourself

they are in London -

As we have to give up possession of this house on the 18th Inst. next Monday we are going to London to stay until the 2nd October when we return to Chorley Wood, as the house there will then be ready for us - Emmie will then be able to see her dear mother daily.

Some people have written about taking over house, 16 Warwick Gardens, furnished for a year from the end of October & I am going tomorrow to interview them & I hope come to terms - they offer a very low rent but as they do not require the

again - under any circumstances
by the time this reaches you
we trust you will be quite
well -

You will be glad to hear that
Phoebe is much stronger &
better & it seems that as far
as her, & our health, is concerned
our present move into the
country is right -

I have taken a small house
furnished - at Shirley Wood, for
the winter & we go into it on
the 2nd October. It is near the
Railway Station so as to spare
Phoebe as much fatigue as
possible going to & fro her work -

I don't think she will require
to go to London more than two
or three times a week.

Emmie has been in correspondence
with your daughter-in-law, about
the miniature of the dear little
baby - photographs are being
taken & it is to be hoped that
dear Emmie will be able to get
a glimpse of the baby, while
(who is now in Torquay with Mrs Wilson)

Good bye, My dear Mrs Heard,
Emmie will be writing to you
in a few days & will tell you
the result of my interview with
the applicants for our house -

Will you please address all
future letters to me at the
Junior United Service Club -
Charles Street - St James's
London

With much love from us
all,
Ever yours most sincerely
Alfred Elias -

studio it would suit me very
well to let it there - I shall be
very glad to have my studio
for showing my pictures & for
storing them - I have accumulated
a good deal of material here
for painting pictures from during
the winter -

Mrs Wynn & Lulu are still in
London - Mrs Wynn is very sorry
she will not be here when you
are in London in November - She
keeps fairly well but is very
feeble - Lulu has decidedly
profited by the Christian Science
treatment - I think they leave London

Alfred Elias
1903

about the End of this month & stay some time in Paris on their way home -

I hope you will much enjoy your travels & that your visit to Mexico will be both pleasant & profitable -

I am glad to say that we continue to get good news of Wynn - a few days ago I sent him out some regimental saddlery of his to Bombay - this may mean that he has some thoughts of returning to India before long: but "things" seem rather unsettled in East Africa - the wrongs that are taking place in German E. Africa may well spread to our protectorate & Uganda -

I have no doubt there is considerable unrest in India just now from various reasons: the partition of Bengal seems to give rise to much ill feeling - I can not help thinking that it might have been managed in a much more conciliatory manner, so as not to wound any patriotic feeling of the Bengalis, if even it was really an indispensable act-

Rosebank - Chorley Wood -
6th January 1906

My dear Mrs Heaut -

In a few days you will be starting on your pleasant journey to the South of Italy & Sicily & I do hope that you will thoroughly enjoy it & derive much benefit from your travels & rejoin us More delightful regions - I hope you have received the three books on Southern Italy that I have sent you, perhaps at the risk of

in India next month - It is nice to feel that his Commanding Officer in Uganda wants him to stay there, & that his Colonel in India wants him back there! I hope his returning to India will prove to be for his benefit in every way -

Lucie & Phoebe are & are glad to say both well & send you their best love Phoebe is full of Energy & is practising with much Enthusiasm & is making much progress -

Good bye my dear Mrs Heaut - "bon voyage & bon "retour" -

Yours ever most sincerely Alfred Elcie -

Alfred Elcie

of rather encumbering you with litterature - but if you only glance at them, & get some information from them that might otherwise have escaped you, I shall be quite satisfied - I consider I was quite lucky to get Hares Cities of S. Italy as it is out of print & I tried several quarters unsuccessfully -

Was it not odd, that when I was at Stamford, the Geographical Map & bookseller looking for the book for you, Miss Heron should come in! I had no idea she was over here

& she tells me she is going to seriously study the violin in London -

As you will have seen, we have as in the throes, almost, of a general Election & I am afraid the present Government with Campbell-Bannerman at the head & it will require a majority - The country does not seem ripe yet to accept Chamberlains fiscal policy nor to understand his Imperial ideas as regards binding our Colonies more closely to us -

We heard from dear Myers a few days ago - he returns to his regiment - the 1st Lincolnshire -

H. Ellis

The Mount. Chalky Wood.
Herts. 21st September 1906

My dear Mr Heard

It was so nice hearing from you a few days ago that you were likely to be in London again towards the end of this Month. I do hope we shall be able to get a glimpse of you -

Many thanks for your Enclosure, which I omitted acknowledged when the last wrote -

I am sending you a ticket
for Grosvenor House, in
case you would like time
or inclination to see the
pictures there, or if you cannot
go perhaps some of your party
might avail themselves of it.
Should the date not suit, you
might gain admission with
the card on some other day as
I could get the day altered
for you -
Our home is getting on
quickly now & I hope we
shall be able to get into it
some time in November. It
would be nice if you could
come down here & have a
look at it -
We are getting good news
from Wynn, who is now
back with his regiment at
Dharmsala -
With much love from us
all always
Your most sincerely
Alfred Lyall

London. 14th Dec. 1906.

My dear Mr. Hearst

I have just sent off to you in Cuxhaven it may reach you at Cherbourg. The Bishops Apostle a book which has had a great vogue here, & which I hope may help to make a few hours pass pleasantly during your journey - I also send a book for your little Grandson -

At the same time I send

My very best wishes for
a very happy Christmas
& New Year & for a pleasant
passage —
Ever yours most sincerely
Alfred Rhea

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Last address

Tonbridge

Dec 12th 1895.

My darling Mrs Hearst

I was very glad to hear that you had a nice passage, I hope you are quite well now. My holidays begin to-day week. We are all

Mrs Hearst

Aug 24th 12

We are all going up to London to see the Pantomime this Christmas. It is going to be Cinderella this year. It is very cold now, I hope we shall have skating soon. I am delighted the bycicle is coming, it is so kind of you to give it to me. I shall go for long rides with Wynn. I am very glad to hear that Annie and Agnes are well, please give them my love. I am sending Agnes a card.

Good-by, with much love, and wishing you a very merry Xmas,

I remain, your loving little namesake

Phoebe.

Phoebe Elias

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P.S. The photograph I enclose is one of the first shot which I took in Tonbridge.

St. Valentin, am August 9th *1899.*

My dearest Mrs Hearst.

I must write you a few lines to tell you how much we are enjoying our delightful trip. I hope you had a pleasant journey back to America.

It was so lovely seeing you again. I did enjoy having you in London, & hope you will soon come to England again.

Was Agnes quite recovered by the time you got back? Please give her my love, & say how very disappointed I was not to see her with you.

St Valentin auf der Haide is a charming little village & we have all enjoyed our three weeks there immensely. I suppose Mamma described it in her letter to you?

The little children here are so quaint; they are dressed exactly as men & women. even the three-year-old girls have their hair braided up, & quite long dresses, just like their mothers.

And they all work so early in life.

Every night several children between 2½ & 4, go up to the pastures & bring down the goats, & come down each with his arm round the neck of his special pet!

Yesterday some little women of about 4 were washing clothes at the village pump, with their sleeves rolled up!

My gold medal has been sent me. It is a very nice one, & I only wish I could show it you!

We enjoy the beautiful lake so much; we have hired a little boat, & row constantly. I must tell you a little about my Camera. I was very pleased to find that eight, out of my first roll of a dozen, were successful. I quite expected all failures at first. I send you a rough print of one of my first. I am sorry not to be able to "finish it off"; but as we are abroad I can get no proper materials. I did not develop the films myself: it seemed hardly worth while to buy all the things just as we were coming away. I am taking a good many here, & I do enjoy it so! Everyone tells me it is such a good Camera.
The print I enclose is one of horses resting under a heavy load. I think I shall have all the films I have taken abroad be developed by the Kodak Company, as I should very likely spoil them myself & start developing on ones that are of no value. I think you will be sorry to hear that I have lost my dear little dog "Rex" which you saw in London. It was really punishment for his wickedness. He stole some fish & swallowed a lot of big bones; he was very ill for a fortnight, & though Mamma & I nursed him constantly, he died. He was such a sweet dog, & had charming little ways, & we were all so fond of him, it seems quite a loss to lose him, & I miss him so much.
Wynn has to leave us on Friday, & goes to Sandhurst alone. It is a pity he has to go, & we shall miss him.
He has enjoyed his trip immensely.
We go with him as far as Insbruck, from whence he goes on to see Munich, & then home. We are staying a little longer at a Bavarian lake.
We all join in very best love, & thanking you for giving us so much pleasure.
We hope you are well. from
your loving - Phoebe.

8 Kenwick Gardens
Kensington London
Dec 3rd 1899

My dearest Mrs Hearst.
To day. I think
is your Birthday. &
we have all been
thinking of you, and
we have drunk your
health. & all wish you
very many happy returns.
I am sure you were
very pleased to hear that
I gained the Scholarship at

their Commissions earlier
than was expected, partly
owing to the war. Anyhow
Wynn will be going to
India. & not to South
Africa. Please give my love
to Annie & Agnes.

With much love & good
wishes to yourself. & hoping
you are well.

Always. dearest Mrs Hearst
your very affectionate
namesake
Phoebe.

Phoebe Sharp

the Royal Academy of Music. We are glad to find that besides the musical studies, German, French, Literature & English are taught. I am to commence studying in January. & am much looking forward to it. Wynn is with us just for Saturday & Sunday: he leaves Sandhurst in about a fortnight. when he will be at home until he goes out to India. some time after Christmas.

We are much looking forward to getting settled in our new house: I shall have a tiny sitting-room to myself! I think Mama & Papa are going to give me another little dog. I think I told you that the little one that you saw had a tragic death.

Dear Grandma is so pleased about my success! The first sixty of Wynn's Company at the Military College will be getting

August 23. 1906.

c/o Lady Rendel.
Rickettswood,
Charlwood, Surrey.

My dearest Aunt Phoebe.

It is very nice to think that you are now in Switzerland. I do hope you are in some lovely quiet little place enjoying yourself and not doing much. I am anxious to hear what part you have chosen to go to this year, & hope Mother will get

beautiful.

I am now spending a week or two with some charming people, a most ideal old couple, the Grandfather and Grandmother of a very big family. They have a very pretty place right in the country, & there are any number of cousins and friends staying in the house, so it is very gay. We spend our days

some news of you soon.
I have had holidays for
a month now, and have
been enjoying them immensely.
We all spent a week in
Brighton with an old
American friend, we all
enjoyed it, especially Mum
who had not been away from
home for nearly a year.
She is so fond of the sea,
& we spent a good deal of
time on the beach.
Since then I have been away
paying visits alone.
I spent two weeks with
my father's sisters in a tiny
village on the coast of
Cornwall. It was charming
country & the beach was

to their homes in the Shires.
I wonder if you have heard from
Wynn since he arrived in India.
We wrote and told him all
about our lovely glimpse of
you when you were in London.
I did love seeing you that
evening. I don't know when
I spent such a happy day.
I daresay you can hardly
imagine the difference your
great kindness made to the
enjoyment of the new house.

Kirkellswood,
Charlwood, Surrey.

in tennis, driving and
motoring, & I am enjoying it
very much. There is a
violinist as well as a 'cellist
here so we do some playing
together.
A certain number of the
party, (of whom I am one)
sleep out of doors or on
the balcony, which is nice

these warm nights.
I think you would be quite
amused if you heard the
number of compliments that
are paid to your liberty
dress! Everyone admires it so
much & wonders where I got it!
The daughter of the house
has a little cottage nearby
where she has six poor
London children who have
just come out of hospitals
for a fortnight at a time
during the whole summer.
I think I never saw such a
nice way of spending money.
We often go down to the
cottage and play with the
children, & they are so
blissfully happy, always in
the air, swinging & playing.
I think the only horrid part of it
must be sending them back

Rickettswood,
Charlwood, Surrey.

You know Father was very
worried about it, & thinking
of taking the work away from
the good architect or spoiling
the plans. Since we saw you
we have been enjoying every
brick with a clear conscience!
It looks charming so far, & it
is so nice having it done
by a really good man.
We go & look at the progress

Postmarked Elmers 1906

made" in building every day.
I wonder if you have Agnes
with you now. I hope you
have good news of your
grandson. There is a dear little
boy here, who says he wants
to be a gardener when he
is a man "because it is
so safe". He is the little boy
I think I told you of, who
at the Coronation asked his
Mother if there was going to be
a new knave, as well as
a new king & queen.
I will now say goodnight,
as it is very late.
With a very great deal
of love from
Ever your loving
Phoebe.

to see California I hoped that I might one day pay you a visit and seeing something of India has made me keener than ever on travelling.

I don't think Mother would be in the least nervous about my travelling alone if she knew that Wynn is quite confident of my being able to do it, and strongly advises me to go if it can be managed.

Mother's second and more important objection is that she is

Delhi.
Nov. 13. 1911.

23/1/12.

Dearest "Aunt Phœbe".

Two days ago we received home letters telling us that Mother had had a very kind letter from you, Father and that you had written to us out here asking us to pay you a visit on the way home.

I am sorry today today that the letter never reached us.

It is so exceedingly kind of you to invite us. Wynn is writing

to you himself, and I am now writing to discuss the possibilities of my being able to accept your most tempting invitation. Mother says she wishes so much that I could pay you this visit. She is evidently quite keen on the idea and thinks there are only two drawbacks to the plan. The first is that she wonders if I could manage changing steamers at China & Japan by myself. but she adds that could probably be managed and arranged for by my agents. Kings. Wynn says that I could quite easily travel by myself and that there would be no difficulty about changing steamers. I am quite an old lady now twenty six years old, and I managed to get to India by myself quite safely, so I am not afraid of the journey if you would like me to go to you. I should simply love to pay you a visit. I have always wanted

Delhi. It is very full of tents
r dust and motor cars.
It is delightful being with Wynn
and his charming little wife, and
we are all very happy together.
We move into camp today.
It is most wonderful and exciting
to think that there is even a
remote possibility of my seeing you
in California before very long!
With a great deal of love
Always your loving namesake
Phoebe Wynn Elias.

P.S. There will probably be plenty of Americans going home this spring from seeing the durbar, & I could make friends with some on board!

anxious about the expense.
It is quite true that I could
not possibly afford to go to you,
much as I should love it,
unless the P. & O. Company agree
to change my 2nd class return
ticket to London for one to
take me as far as China or Japan.
I am writing to ask them about
this and to find out what the
additional expense would be, and
will write to you again when I
get their reply.

Besides this, even if they do agree
to change my ticket I am afraid
I could not know whether I
could afford to go beyond, until
~~for~~ some time after the durbar.
I do not expect to leave India
till about the end of March
although Wynn & his wife may
leave in February. I shall not be
able to tell for some time yet
what my expenses of being at
Delhi for the durbar will be.
If you approve of my trying to
pay you a visit would it matter
my not being able to give you
a definite answer for some
time, on this account?
I do hope to hear from you
very soon, we shall be most
anxious for a letter.
This address will be right
until we leave India.

c/o Captain Wynn Elias.
1st Gurkha Rifles.
Dharmsala.
Punjab.

I am immensely enjoying being at

P.S.

I am so sorry, Wynn's bearer has spilt something over part of this letter. I won't stop to copy it out as I want it to catch this post.

I shall have to travel alone if I go straight back to England, as Wynn and his wife would get passages on board a troopship, and I have a second class P. & O. return ticket.

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CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

Dec. 15th 1912.

My dearest Aunt Phoebe.

You have always seemed almost like a third parent and I know how you will be sharing our sorrow & so does mother. She was so comforted to receive your kind cable of sympathy & love. It really does help & comfort at such a time as nothing else can. Mother sends you her love, she will write to you very soon, but just at present I want to do it all for her.

never be thankful enough that I came home first, it is too awful to think I might still have been away, & mother all alone. As mother has said every day poor darling in her worst grief, "we have so much to be thankful for" I need not speak of the pain of that terrible shock, nor tell you how cruelly we miss him, for that you know only too well. I am so very thankful that mother cannot blame herself for having allowed him to overwork, as the doctor said it would have made practically no difference if he had led almost the life of an invalid, & he would have been made utterly miserable by that, he was so active & keen on his

My dear Father died of cardiac degeneration. We knew his arteries were thickening but we never thought it might cause sudden death. The doctor said that he knew there was a chance of this when he saw Father about a year ago but it was not certain & he thought it best not to tell him or us, as nothing could be done. He had not had a weak heart tho the last years & you will remember how very young for his age he always looked.
We are thankful on the whole that we did not know, now that the first dreadful shock is already far enough away to enable us to be so intensely glad that he died without any suffering, physical or mental. It is far far better that we should all have been as happy as we were right up to the last, & that Wynn's last days with his dear Father should not be spoiled by fears of a last farewell. You can imagine too how thankful we all must always be that Wynn did come home in spite of such short leave, & that Father knew Evelyn & was fond of & proud of Wynn's wife. You will know well too how I can

I have never seen husband r wife so absolutely united.
She was so quiet r good r brave r did everything I asked her.
She promised me not to go in r see him till I had been first r seen that he looked happy.
The two maids were so very kind r helpful, they could not have been nicer. It was they who very cleverly rang up Betty on the telephone so that she could tell us before we arrived at home. I need not dwell on that journey nor on that terrible home-coming to our charming little home where we have been so happy. I had never seen death before but he looked so utterly beautiful

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work. You know his whole heart was in the National Service League, he was so patriotic r felt it so vital for the country to be properly defended. He was organising Secretary for this county, r that r the municipal affairs he loved took his whole time r strength. The latter only occupied one day a week, but the N.S.L. was all day r every day. He was on the Hospital Board r represented this district in the District Council. The latter were honorary positions but he was paid £150 a year by the N.S. League r it was an enormous satisfaction for him to be able to make that

as he could make practically nothing by his painting. He enjoyed all this practical work so much & did it so well & knew he was being useful, & we feel that all these new interests made the last years of his life very interesting and happy.

He had been well in general health lately as all his friends had remarked last Monday mother & I went up to London for the day, with my great friend Betty Rendel who had spent the week-end here. We left him well.

We saw Aunt Lonla & went to the station in time to catch the 6.50 train home. There we saw Betty, who dragged me a few yards away from mother & told me. I hardly knew how we told her, but she heard me say I felt as if the world had stopped, & she guessed at once. She asked Betty to go down with us, which she did, & was a great comfort. The guard was very kind & put us into a carriage alone.

I simply cannot tell you how brave & wonderful my darling mother was & has been all through these terrible days. You know what they have always been to one another, so devoted in every way, & never separated.

several times to be with us, r my dear little friend Betty has stayed two nights r is a great comfort. I am more than thankful that we did not go to the funeral. He was buried at Brookwood Cemetery by his request, amongst his own family. It is much better for mother than to be here. His friends r fellow-workers sent heavenly flowers, they seemed a help r to express him so well, r mother r I spent some sacred hours walking up r down where our dearest lay covered with flowers, talking about him. You know in cases like this people either feel they must get away from the empty house at once or feel they cannot leave it r all its memories.

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contented r happy that one could not help feeling a wonderful peaceful almost divine influence as well as the loss r longing. That and mother's sweet brave way of facing the hardest trial of her life have prevented even these days from being ones of black despair. There were some very terrible moments, the worst were that first night r when they took away the dear coffin on Thursday but thank God even those moments pass like others; it

comes almost as a surprise & relief
that they do. She was unfailingly
brave & sweet & showed marvellous
self-control. I can never be thankful
enough that I was able to be with
her & never leave her. I never leave
her for an hour & we sleep together.
The doctor came soon after we arrived
& was so kind & helpful.
My dear Father went up to the Golf
club at about four o'clock that
afternoon, he was talking with people
there, & suddenly said he felt very
giddy; he fell down & was gone
immediately, with no pain. We are
so thankful she was spared the
sixth greater shock of seeing him
brought home. Everything was arranged
by the time we got home.
That first she did not sleep at
all, but one of the greatest mercies
that has been given us that every
night since then we have both
slept really well. We often wake
up but there has been none of
those dreadful sleepless hours. You
know what a help health is, & we are both well.
My uncle Ellis Elias has spent the
day with us three times & been most
kind & arranges all business.
Aunt Loula has also been down

Father, & he did specially rejoice at your kindness in giving me lessons. He was always so anxious for me to go on studying, & hated my having to spend all my strength in teaching. He had already done up the picture he had chosen as a gift for you, as soon as we can it shall be sent off.

It makes us ache to think of Wynn so far away from home at such a time, he has always been so good to his Father & so fond of him.

always your loving namesake

Phoebe Wynn Elias.

I shall always be thankful for my delightful home coming & for these few happy weeks, without a cloud of any kind. You know we had five days all five together.

Phoebe Wynn Elias

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Mother clings to our dear little home & cannot bear the idea of leaving it, & I feel the same. I do hope we shall be able to stay on if we are very very careful.

I cannot tell you what a comfort & revelation we have had to help us in the love & appreciation of Father that has burst forth from all classes. Numberless fellow-workers in the N.S. League, on all his hospital boards, & councils, people that we do not know, have written the most charming letters of affection esteem & loss. They all say he

was so splendid & successful in his
work & all speak of his kind heart
& great charm. All classes here too
have shown such affection for him
& what has specially touched us has
been the genuine love & respect felt
by the poor people about here.
Altho' we lived in such a small
way & did not entertain & lived as quietly
as anyone here, we heard that amongst
all classes he was so much esteemed
& that the poor people loved him
better than anyone here. If possible
I feel that I love & honour you more

than ever now, I know how he always
loved & honored you, & I realise the
unspeakable difference you made to his
life & how you helped with the
heaviest trial of his life. You know
how terribly he felt the loss of his
money & it was you & you alone
who prevented him from being crushed
& embittered by great poverty.
I will write again very soon. We
both send our dearest love, it is
a great comfort to know from your
cable what we already felt before
that you are thinking for us and
grieving for us. Everything that you
have done for me in my wonderful
visit to you was such a joy to dear

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HERTFORDSHIRE.

Since writing the above I have been to the local bank in response to a letter received and find that they have £60 for Mother which has been paid in at New York. We know this can be from no one but you, & cannot thank you enough from us both for your great kindness.

I will write again soon.

P. W. E.

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CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

15. 1. 13.

My dearest Aunt Phoebe,

The portrait arrived a few days ago & it was unpacked & hung up today. I must send you a few lines to tell you how very grateful we both feel for your

I am so very glad to have seen it hanging in your beautiful home. I have just received such a nice letter from Dr Kate, she is really delighted with your beautiful gift, it came as a complete surprise to her & she says it is exactly what she needed! I know too that she is a difficult person to suit.

I should like to join my

great kindness & thoughtfulness
in sending it to us.
It gives mother the greatest
pleasure to see it again &
you know it will always be
a joy to us to have.
Mother sends you her best
love & thanks, she will write
in a few days. We are
very busy as we are just
off to the Isle of Wight to
stay a few weeks with my
aunts. I think the change will
do us both a lot of good.
The portrait hangs in the
studio which is our living
room & dining room combined,
so we can enjoy your most
kind gift all day & every day.
I also have very happy
associations with the picture

loss.
Mother has been unfailingly
brave & splendid the whole
time.
I will write again soon.
I do hope you are well &
that the Three dear boys are
too. I wonder if George is at
school. With very best love &
thanks for the picture and
everything,
always your loving
Phabe Wynn Elias.

Phoebe Elias

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HERTFORDSHIRE.

Thanks to hers for your
kind gift as it gives me
a great deal of pleasure
to know that my dear
kind doctor has a beautiful
gift from you that she
will always treasure.
I stick so on with all her

instructions. I have only had one period since leaving California but Kate says I must not worry if it only comes once in three months as long as I do not do too much & keep pretty well. I have been quite well ever since I arrived except for feeling rather run down just lately but that is hardly surprising, nor is it surprising if my period has been delayed owing to the shock we had. We have now been nearly eight weeks here & I think it is quite time to have a little change. We felt we could not leave at once but preferred staying till we had got more accustomed to the great

interested in my work &
wishes me to go on giving
time to it.

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CHORLEYWOOD,
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Ap. 15. 13.

My dearest Aunt Phoebe.

I have forgotten
when I told you the
wedding might be.
The actual day is not
settled yet, but it will
be early in June, either

in the first or second
week.
I am sorry to say mother
is in bed with influenza.
I must write to Ethel.
I will soon write to you
again. I do hope you are
well.
always your loving
Phoebe.

P.S. Until this happened
I was very busy having
influenza, & after that
working at my music.
I found my composition
lessons most helpful &
delightful. I am most
anxious to go on with
whatever Art I have for
writing. Allen is very
musical & very much

P.S. It makes one long so that Father could have had this happiness, he would have liked allen so much.

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CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

Ap. 25. 13.

My dearest aunt Phœbe.

It has just been settled that allen & I are to be married on June 14th very quietly in London. We are going for a short honeymoon to rooms at a farm house in Sussex where we used to spend the summers when we lived in Paris.

How I do wish you could be
with us on June 14th.
I have been very busy as mother
is still in bed with a bad attack
of influenza, she has been in bed
over two weeks. Allen is at his
home at Plymouth, & I am to join
him as soon as I can leave
mother. His mother is a widow
& lives all alone, so I shall not
have a lot of new relations to see!
I am going on with my work &
have a composition lesson tomorrow.
Allen has written to India for

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definite orders as to whether
he must go to Chitral & leave
me at home for a year.
I am afraid I must expect that
he will have to go.
Allen belongs to a clever and very
distinguished family. His grandfather
Sir Henry Allen Johnson Bart.
married a Miss Philipse, of
Philipsesburg, New York.
Isn't it nice that he should be

connected with America as well as myself? He is not brilliantly clever, but is a most intelligent capable & trustworthy person. An excellent manager, as regards money & everything else, which is most important as we shall have to be extremely careful, isn't it? He is also extremely neat & orderly, which is an excellent thing for me, isn't it? I do do wish you could see Allen, & that he could see my Fairy Godmother. Best love from Mother & me. Your ever loving Phoebe.

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CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

June 4. 13.

My dearest Aunt Phoebe.

The wedding is to be in ten days & we are more busy than I can say, but not too busy to be happy! All the interest & business is doing mother more good than anything else in the world could, & she

grateful for EVERYTHING you have done for me and my dear ones all these years.
The 14th will be a sad day as well as a very happy one to mother & me, because we shall be able to help longing for my darling Father to share this happiness.
How happy Grandma would be if only she knew, perhaps they do know.
Forgive a short letter please today as we have so much to do. Isn't it lovely, my wedding dress is partly given me by my dear Aunt Phoebe? I had it made (at Shop) of that beautiful piece of cream satin you gave me the last night at the Hacienda! It looks lovely.
your very loving Phoebe.

is getting quite strong again.
It is so absolutely lovely her
coming out with us. I don't
know how I could leave her
alone so soon.
I have not heard from you
yet but am hoping every day
for a few lines from you
on such an important event!
That is if you pleased at my
marriage, and I do hope you
are! I don't think you could
help being if you knew Allen.
Oh how I do do wish
you could be here on June
14th, dearest Aunt Phoebe.
I shall certainly think of you
at my wedding & wish that
I could fly to the Hacienda
for a moment, just to give
you a kiss & tell you I shall
never stop loving you & being

that is criticize my work
when I send it him, which
will be the greatest help.
I love to know you are
taking an interest in my
marriage, darling Aunt Phoebe,
& that you are pleased about it.
I shall think of you much on
Saturday. I shall be married
in a dress made of the satin
you gave me, all my trousseau
consists of the beautiful things
you bought me at the White House,
& I shall wear your beautiful
pendant, so there will be plenty of
your loving gifts! Only I wish I
could have you too! always your very
loving Phoebe.

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HERTFORDSHIRE.

June 12, 13.

My dearest Aunt Phoebe.

Just one line
to give you a whole
heartful of love & thanks
for your very very great
kindness & generosity.
It is quite impossible to
thank you enough for
your wonderful kindness

in sending me the most
useful + delightful wedding
gift we could possibly
have had.

Allen also joins his very
best thanks to mine.

Your generous gift will
enable us to get everything
we could desire for our
house. I will write more
fully very soon, at present I
am busier than words can
say! It was so very
good of you to send me
£20 too for my lessons.
It will be most useful, as
I want to buy some music
to take out with me,
- my master, Mr. Corder,
has said that he will
give me lessons by post,

pleasures for our house that we could not otherwise have had. My wedding dress was lovely, I think I told you it was made very well by a good shop of the beautiful cream satin you gave me at the Hacienda. I also wore all the pretty underclothes which were your gifts to me, & am enjoying them for my trousseau. Your beautiful pendant that you gave me on my 21st birthday looked most lovely on the white dress, &

Chapel Farm. nr Lewe.

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CHORLEYWOOD,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

June 27. 13.

My dearest Aunt Phœbe.

I simply can't tell you how much pleasure you gave me by your sweet thought of sending me the cable. I received it on my wedding morning, & I can't thank you enough.

It gave me a very great deal of happiness to know & feel that you were thinking of me & wishing me happiness on that very important day in my life. The best thing of all would have been to have you there on that day, dearest Aunt Phoebe, but as that could not be your message by cable was the next best thing. You have been so very kind & generous about my wedding, I can never tell you how delighted I am with your most generous gift. It will be the greatest help to us as we are just starting housekeeping, & enable us to get many

well & happy.
We cannot stay for long, as there is so much to be done before we all three sail on August 8th.
We did not have a large wedding, only relatives & real friends, & my uncle gave a very nice little reception for us at his flat. Allen joins me in all thanks to you for all your great kindness. He & Mother joined in my happiness at your loving thought in sending the cable.
Always, dearest Aunt Phoebe,
your very loving namesake,
Phoebe Wynn Tomison.

Phoebe Elkins

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was very greatly admired.
I don't know if you remember that when we lived in Paris we spent several summers at a farm house in Sussex, when we were small children, & our parents painted the beautiful country.

I was only five years old
when we left here, but
I always remembered it
with the greatest affection.
Three years ago I came
& spent the day here, &
was delighted to find the
same farmer's family here.
As Allen loves country &
being out of doors we are
spending our honeymoon here.
Haymaking is in full swing
& Allen delights in helping
the farmer & his men, &
I do some too!
The weather has been lovely
on the whole, & we are
out of doors all day
long.
It is a very 'simple life'
honeymoon, but it suits us
both, & we are very